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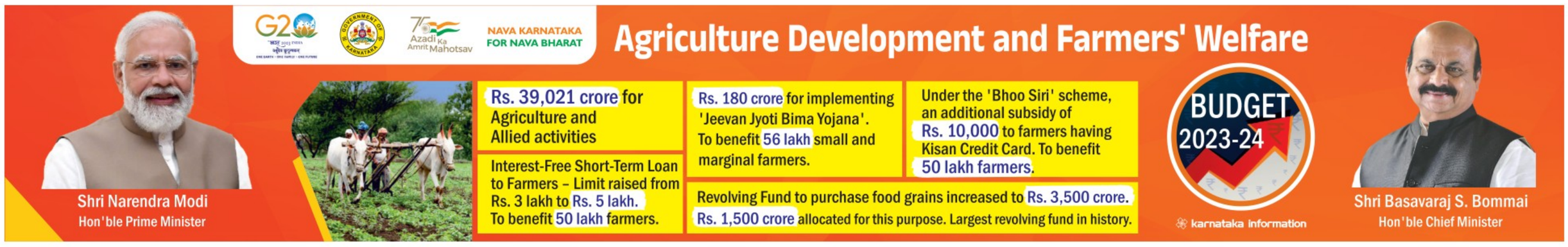

Ayodhya mosque, an unfinished tale

Masjid construction work is yet to take off on the allocated land due to administrative hurdles, despite efforts by a Wakf Board-appointed panel

Wait continues: The site allotted for the construction of mosque in Ayodhya, Uttar Pradesh. R.V. MOORTHY

Ishita Mishra
AYODHYA

Over three years after the 'settlement' of the Ram Janmabhoomi-Babri Masjid title dispute, the mosque awaits administrative clearances before a brick can be laid. Parallelly, across the Sarayu river, on its main bank, the construction of the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya will see visitors enter the sanctum sanctorum by the end of the year.

In November 2019, the Constitution Bench of the Supreme Court permitted the construction of a temple in Ayodhya, at the site where the 16th-century Babri Masjid once stood, after being brought down by Hindu fundamentalist groups.

In the same order of over 1,000 pages, the top court had asked the government – either the Centre or Uttar Pradesh – to allot a "prominent and suitable" five-acre plot in Ayodhya to the Sunni Central Wakf Board, to construct a mosque. "This should be done simultaneously with the transfer of the property to the proposed trust [for the temple]," the order had said.

In February 2020, the U.P. government allotted the plot to the Sunni Central Wakf Board in Dhannipur, about 25 km from the temple site. The Wakf Board then constituted a committee, called the Indo-Islamic Cultural Foundation (IICF), to take care of the construction of the mosque, named Masjid-e-Ayodhya.

Multiple hoops

"Even after the allotment of the land, nothing moved forward," said an IICF member, on the condition of anonymity. "We never got land at a prominent site. It is on the outskirts of the city," the member said. He added that the first hurdle was the approval of the plans for the project, which, besides the mosque spread across over 4,500 square metres, included a hospital, community kitchen, library, and a research centre dedicated to Maulvi Ahmadullah Shah, a freedom fighter, who took part in the 1857 war of independence.

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Retaking public spaces is a pressing need: Justice Kaul

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

There is a pressing need to rediscover and reclaim public places in these uncertain and deeply polarised times, Supreme Court Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul said on Saturday.

Delivering the inaugural address virtually at The Hindu Lit for Life event, he also said that it was important to facilitate principled conversations about the most contentious issues.

Referring to the event's motto of reflecting the spirit of the times and celebrating freedom of speech and expression, one of the most cherished rights in the Constitution, he exuded confidence that such literary festivals were the most suitable spaces for such an endeavour.

Justice Sanjay Kishan Kaul virtually addressing The Hindu Lit For Life literature festival in Chennai on Saturday. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

Justice Kaul went down memory lane to recollect how a popular judgment he had delivered in the case of celebrated author Perumal Murugan, ensuring his freedom of expression, had led him to an enquiry on the role of literature and writers. In India's constitutional scheme, the freedom of expression weighed overwhelmingly in favour of the artist and cannot be disturbed lightly, he said.

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Stones pelted at Vande Bharat Express train

BENGALURU
Two window panes of the premium Vande Bharat Express (20607) were damaged after miscreants pelted stones at the moving train. The incident occurred between Krishnarajapuram and Bengaluru Cantonment Railway Station. No passengers were injured. Railway official said the train was coming from Chennai. » Page 5

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Electoral rolls: EC's verification finds nearly 20,000 wrongfully deleted names

Afshan Yasmeen
BENGALURU

Following a table-top verification of 28 lakh deleted entries in all the 224 Assembly constituencies in the State, the office of the Chief Electoral Officer (CEO) for Karnataka has found 19,922 wrongfully deleted names in the final electoral rolls.

Karnataka has witnessed a furore over wrongful deletion of names in various constituencies, and there have been complaints to the Election Commission.

The verification was taken up following directions from the Election Commission.

Table-top verification

The Election Commission had directed all CEOs to take up a table-top verification (of the documents) of deletions in constituencies where more than 4% of voters had been deleted.

How to check if you are on electoral rolls

- Voters can seek corrections or inclusion in voter list till 10 days prior to the last date of filing nominations
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Willing to join any peace bid to end Ukraine war, says PM as German leader visits India

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

India is willing to join "any peace process" to solve the Ukraine crisis, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday. Welcoming German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, Mr. Modi urged for reform of the UN Security Council and an end to cross-border terrorism.

The crisis in Ukraine was the main focus of the statement by Mr. Scholz, who said that it's important to state clearly where members of the United Nations stand on the issue of Ukraine, and declared that he would "personally make sure" the fast completion of negotiation for the EU-India Free Trade Agreement (FTA).

"COVID pandemic and Ukraine conflict affected the whole world. Developing countries were especially negatively impacted by these. We both agree that these problems can be solved through joint efforts and in the G-20, we are focusing on this. India has been talking about the need for dialogue and diplomacy since the beginning of the Ukraine crisis. India is willing to join any peace talks to solve this crisis," Mr. Modi said.

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi on Saturday. R.V. MOORTHY

Mr. Modi urged reform in multilateral platforms, saying that such moves were necessary to make multilateral forums reflect "global realities". "This is evident in the joint initiative by us under the G-4 to bring reform in the UN Security Council," he added. He also invited Mr. Scholz for the G-20 summit that will be held in September this year.

In his comment, Mr. Scholz said that India had made "enormous rise" since he visited the country first as the Mayor of Hamburg in 2012. He congratulated India on the G-20 Presidency, adding, "We have been cooperating, which has made it possible to make important decisions. I am pleased to say that India has the G-20 presidency – a very responsible task at a very difficult time, that has to be underlined. But I am confident that India will fully comply with what needs to be done in this regard."

Mr. Scholz said the countries in Africa, Asia, America and elsewhere should not suffer because of the shortage of essential items such as food and energy which has intensified because of the war in Ukraine "that was started by Russia".

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Toy train to be back on track soon in Bal Bhavan

Suchith Kidiyoor
BENGALURU

Children visiting Bal Bhavan in Cubbon Park have a reason to cheer. As many projects are getting fast-tracked and opened to the public before the Assembly elections, children will soon be able to take a joy ride in the toy train "Putani Train". The Bengaluru Smart City Limited, which has taken up restoration work of Bal Bhavan, has roped in South Western Railway (SWR) to repair the track, which has remained unused for many years.

Srinivas K., Managing Director, Bengaluru Smart City Ltd, said, "The toy train used to be a primary attraction for children visiting the park. Considering the same, under the Smart City project, we have decided to upgrade facilities and run the train. Other than this, an island, which was built for boating and was in bad shape, will be restored. We are introducing various activities for children, including a science park. The summer camp activity areas are being upgraded."

"In addition to these, adventure sports, such as wall climbing, Burma bridge, and zipline, will be introduced. There will be facilities to acquaint city children with games usually played in rural areas," he said.

The railway track at Bal Bhavan in Bengaluru which is getting repaired. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

The project also involves the development of a boating pond, train shed, railway station, and installation of fountains, he said. The agency is spending ₹12 crore for the project.

The new facilities will be opened by the second week of March, and Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai is expected to inaugurate them. During the weekends, 5,000 to 7,000 children used to visit the park and close to 2,000 on weekdays.

Additional Divisional Railway Manager Kusuma Hariprasad said, "The Bengaluru Smart City Ltd. asked us to restore the track and overhaul the toy train. By the first week of March, we will complete the work. There is no need to replace the old toy train as it is in good condition. After the required repair work and painting, the train can be used again."

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Easy engagement: Rebecca Seror, a French yoga tutor visiting Thiruvannamalai to learn about healing and meditation, with a local woman.

In search of spirituality

Foreigners flock to Thiruvannamalai in Tamil Nadu for nourishment to their souls

Akhila Easwaran

The world comes to Thiruvannamalai, 196 km from Chennai, in Tamil Nadu to acquire spiritual knowledge and learn meditation. Most of the expat population are from Europe – mostly from France and Italy, but there are a few Russians, Japanese and Americans too. "Tiru" is what they call this place, and many go hiking in the nearby hills and forests.

A subculture has emerged in the process. Cafes have emerged to serve continental cuisines. Thiruvannamalai is now packed with yoga centres. Old-age homes, restaurants and ashrams too are dotting the landscape. Business is good too: entrepreneurial people are renting their houses, bikes and even farms to the foreigners who want to make the town their home for a brief while. Some stay for short periods, while others want to soak in the atmosphere for longer periods.

During full moon and festival nights, the local people sell food throughout Girivalam Road (the road fringing the holy mountain). Westerners who have made Thiruvannamalai their "spiritual home" have pitched in and contributed by forming organisations such as Friends of Forests to preserve and conserve the forest areas. Now, they are also planning to implement schemes in the Jawadhu hills, Parvathamalai and Kavuthi Malai.

Efforts towards afforestation, reviving the ecosystem and sustainable farming are bearing fruit. Some of the land that was barren in 2003 is now lush groves.

After detailed research, the activists planted trees that are sustainable in the Eastern Ghats. Not only trees but also shrubs, herbs and even cacti that are native to the region. Streams have more water than before, and soil erosion has been managed.

Local people and foreigners play a great role as fire watchers to prevent forest fires.

Many people who had stayed on to attend Maha Sivaratri and Mayana Kollai on February 18 and 19 will now leave for their home countries.

Life's lessons: Mon, a Spanish flamenco dancer, is new to Thiruvannamalai, having been here only in the past three months. Throughout her life, her motto has been to 'surrender to the mountains'.

Steeped in myth: A Mayana Kollai performer dances in front of the Durgai Amman temple in the hills.

Melting pot: Visitors join the local children to watch the Mayana Kollai festival at Mulai Paal Theertham.

At home: Markus Horlacher with his beehive box in his farm house. Markus is from Switzerland and practises farming, beekeeping and minimalistic living. He has lived in Thiruvannamalai for 33 years. He has planted cacti that have now grown to a height of 12 feet.

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HINDU, SC/Adidravidar, 37/163, Fair, Slim, Good looking, B.Tech (CSE), SWP, Never Married, Moolam-3, Dhanusu, Chennai seeks, professionally Qualified Groom with Good Family background from India/Abroad. Caste-no-Bar. Cont : 87545 66571.

PILLAI/MUDALIAR, 33, Good looking, MBBS, MD Final yr, Well Settled family seeks Groom 33-36 years, Engineer/ Business/ Doctor. Ct: 9345855735

Hindu Nadar, 35yrs B.E, Banking, Divorcee, No Child, Own a House seeks Groom within 40yrs. Ct: 94431 56344

TELUGU

REDDY 38 ME divorcee emp in Non–IT seeks issueless groom emp in Chennai below 44 Caste no bar. 9884635286

GAVARA NAIDU 29/170 Fair SWE, USA. Seeks Suitable Boy settled USA or India. Same Caste. Contact : 9442602030 or 7598352230.

VIP KAMMANAIDU, 27 / B.E., M.S., Own (Tractor Manufacturing Comp) Rich Family Seeking Groom. 7200067015

FAIR GOOD Looking, 31/5.5" B.E, Chennai Naidu Divorcee (Short lived) Sadhayam seeks upto 36, India / Abroad. CNB. Ct: 8056093838/ 9500009694

KAMMA 41 Divorced Ph.D Visakam, Thulam seeks educated groom 7904501004 / 9942363464, vnimavathi@gmail.com

29-YEAR OLD SWE, MNC Bangalore 160cm fair Balija Naidu Raasi Simha Nakshatra Pubba 2nd paadam Marriage annulled 1st-day divorce obtained parent is Central Govt employees with good net worth only daughter without siblings preferable Bangalore. Ct: 9902143916

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THE ISSUELESS groom seeks bride. Second divorcee age 58. Who should be trusty to stay Prolonged. Look into peace. WhatsApp – 88387 44120.

42, GENERAL Manager @HCL, 2L PM Own House/Property Divorce with Zero Financial Commitments from Previous Marriage seeks Suitable Bride 1st&2ndmarriage ok(no child) 9884222271

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BRAHMIN MBBS/ MD/MS Blw 26 for Brahmin–TNV Saivapillai26/170/Doing MS.Mom–Doctor,Dad–Business.9840271146

DOCTOR HINDU, Thuluva Vellalar, 25/172cm, MBBS, preparing for NEET, rich seeks very fair MBBS Bride. CNB . Ct: 88256 33237, 94875 40525

HINDI

1985/175CM. IT. 40 Lakhs PA. Chennai. Father Doctor. Seeks well educated bride. WhatsApp: 96290 12248

TAMIL

CHRISTIAN, 41/170, B.E. software engineer, chennai, seeks bride, caste no bar, CT–9500188067

HINDU KONGU Vellala Gounder 36/183 Sadayam, MBA Job & Business 30L pa Working Chennai Upper Middle Class. Suitable Girl, Caste No Bar. Degree Accept. Whatsapp: 9360323979

HINDU ACHARY 39Yrs/MBA/Own Industry / 50,000PM Seeks Bride +2& Above, Fair, Sub Caste No Bar. 9944025271

SENIOR DATA Scientist in USA, seeks Bride Working / Studying / Eligible to work in USA. Tamil Hindu Thuluva Vellala Fair upper middle class BE(NIT), M.S (USA), 27/165 Subcaste no bar. CT: 98430-75039.

SAIVA PILLAI Karuneegar 38/166 BE, MS, MNC SW 35Lpa Chennai, Seeks Educated, Veg. FC/ BC Bride 9841699176

MUDALIYAR 43 ME Phd professor pvt, Chennai.Rs.1.2 Lpm wanted bride , subcaste ok: 8056782946 & 8056891976.

TELUGU

ELITE BALIJA Naidu 24/ Own Engineering Colleges, Textiles (Coimbatore), Seeks Rich Groom. Ct: 72002 59760

NAIDU 27/165, V.Fair,MBBS,MD–Doing,Educated Elite Family,20.Cr, Seeks DR/Engr, CNB. 7299576644, 7299576666

NAIDU 27/155/FAIR CA 18L PA Veg Godfearing Seeks Educated Veg boy from DecentFamily Ct:9444031110 Chennai

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Ct:98848 76246

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SUNNI MUSLIM 32/168 Senior position MNC Australia seek Groom well settled from respectable family willing to relocate Australia preferred M:+917305021710 Em: ans2684@gmail.com

CHENNAI ORIGIN, Sunni Muslim, Urdu speaking, parents of Canada based , Middle East born Girl 20 years, seek groom settled in Canada/USA. What's app: 8925764530.

SUNNY MUSLIM Parents seek alliance for their daughter Fair BE (CS) 23 years, Groom from equal qualification, residence should be in Chennai. Contact: 8220048809 / 9677014719

TAMIL

TAMIL PARKAVAKULA Mooppanar Age 27, 172Cm, MDS (Dentist) Bride Seeking MBBS / Any PG Medicine Caste No Bar. Ct:9443191812

MUDALIAR, 28/173, Chithirai, Kanni, M.S., Engg., Washington DC, Rich and Affluent Family seeks well educated Bride from good family. 7639581703

SAIVA CHETTIYAR Age 41, 1st Marriage Working in Zee TV Good Salary. Seeks Suitable Bride.Widow & Divorcee also apply. 9994928997/ 9840631076

Kamma Naidu+ Saiva Pillai, MCA/ MNC/ Senior Architect/ 39 LPA/ 45/ 179/ Divorced/ No child/ looking for a suitable Girl/ 35-40 Yrs/ Phone-9445414656, 9444733551

HINDU MUTHURAJA handsome boy 28/164 Karthigai Rishaba rasi, M.Ar Landscape architect studied & working in U.K (CNB).Seeks bride from any backward community. Ct: 9943086825.

AD(PR) HINDU TAMIL 04-12-1984 / Ashwini / 178cm / M.Sc, M.Phil Lecturer Private Teetotaler only child Never Married Tiruchirapalli. Seeks Suitable Bride - WA 9443780698.

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HINDU MUDALIAR 36, 178cm, B.Tech/ MS Working in UK Income 70000/– Caste No Bar Call: 9710093999/ 8939691888

HINDU NADAR 31, BE, 175cm, Income 100000/– Seeks Suitable Bride. K A Raman Nadar 9380791999

CHETTIAR 28/181 BTec MS MBA B'lore Remarriage Seeks well Educated smart Bride CNB. Geetham 9884858014

HINDU SC AD 32/163 BA, IHA, Empld, Fair Bangalorian clean habit, Teacher family seeks alliance from same caste Homely or working. Whatsapp 9535119055

AGAMUDAIYAR 26/5'10" B.TECH (Bio Tech) magam working in Serum Institute Pune 10 lakhs p.a seeks suitable bride WhatsApp 7639443399

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NADAR 32/167 Doing medical coding in Chennai. Seeks Suitable Bride. Contact through WhatsApp: +1(973) 652-9458

HINDU NADAR, 25, 174, Swathi, Thulam, B.Tech., well settled family, Business at Salem, seeks Qualified Bride, same caste. M: 98430-36363.

CHENNAI AUDITOR Aged 55 legally divorced seeks woman divorced or widow. No brokers. Ct: 86673 87588

DEVANGA 38 B.Arch Self Employed 50, 000 PM CNB Seeks Brides Educated with Job. Orphans, widow, Divorce Without Issue 9962135928 / 9940158383

VISWABRAHMIN (GS), Thiruvonam, 40/170, ACA & ACMA/ 70000 MNC seeks same Caste Bride. 9486320982

Gavara Naidu 28 Yrs 180 cm Uthiram Sr. Software Engineer 30 L annum Contact: 9789306832

SOZHIA VELLALAR 32 Years MCA IDFC First Bank seeks suitable Bride from same caste.Contact: 9790596388

CHENNAI. KIND, no bad habit. Innocent divorcee 40yrs PG Cent Government GM Sports Rs 2Lac/mth Educated Hindu girl Unmarred Ct:9884171419

VISWAKARMA TAMIL 31/167 SW Eng Revathi/ME(ph.d)/Fair/RS.6 L PA seeks suitable bride 9444247481/ 8428432112

RICH MUDALIAR 28/ Own Famous Textiles Showrooms (All Over India) Affluent Family Seeks Rich Bride. Ct: 72000 67015

HINDU NADAR 26, BE, 175cm, Inc 1, 80,000/– Bangalore, Seeks Suitable Bride K A Raman Nadar 9380791999

HINDU MOOPANAR 26, MDS, 175cm, Income 1,50,000/– Seeks Suitable Bride Caste No Bar 9710093999/ 8939691888

SEEKING SIMPLE, Clean Habits,Vegetarian Bride willing to be Homemaker for our Son Ms(CS) USA,28yrs/ 178cms,Iyer,Vegetarian & Clean Habits.Financial Status of the Bride does not matter.Ct. WhatsApp:+1 732 372–8410

44YRS SCIENTIST USA, Divorcee seeks Suitable Tamil Bride BC/FC family, unmarried / Widower. Ph:9962882322

MATCH FOR Software Engineer 27 yrs Gotra–Naitrakashyapa, Uttaradam Natchatra,placed in Bangalore. Brahmins preferred. Mob: 8220085283, jayanthivijs@gmail.com

TAMIL

BRIDE WANTED
Sunni Muslim Tamil speaking parents from elite industrialist family in Chennai, seek well educated, good looking bride for son aged 25, 5' 9" US educated engineer from very affluent family.
Contact: syed296797@gmail.com

THONDAI MANDALA saiva mudaliyar 33/ 170 Chartered Accountant seeking vegetarian girl. Contact 9952190843 / 9840775487

HINDU NADAR, 34, Avittam, Magaram, B.Tech, SWE, MNC Bangalore, 36LPA, WFH, Educated family from Madurai seeks suitable Bride. Ct:94438 60983, 94429 84922.

HINDU, MUDALIYAR, 39, Divorced, USA Citizen, Seeking Bride (Any Degree) with NO child, Caste No Bar. CT: 9994328550/9790515437

IYER, GARGAYA, Brahacharanam, Avittam, Widower 43/156 family concern, Own House, 11 yrs Child Ct: 9940469993 / sstyagarajan@gmail.com

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TAMIL YADAVAR 30 yrs 174, Pvt CONCERN Chennai Sal 50K Native Ranipet. Seeks Suitable Bride Ct: 9940567735

A WELL settled Healthy Hindu ,57 Separated Seeks Elite Independent Lady as life partner & Soulmate Caste Nobar 7397087032 mducbe18@gmail.com

IYER VADAMAL Bharatwajam 36/168cm, Moolam, B.Com.MBA Accenture Chennai,14L P A Sub–sect No Bar 9941298934

Iyer Vadama Koundinya Avittam 42/170 Director Chennai seeks unmarried Tamil Brahmin Girl. Ct: Rajesh 9632152713

ASTASHASRAM, Karthigai, Jun 1969, MBA, M.S, well settled. Seeks Educated 1st Marriage Brahmin brides BHP: sree.lashmi108@gmail.com

DIP, COMP. Science, Animation, Own Business, 29yrs Brahmin, Subsect No bar, No Expectation. Ct: 94443 81928, 94454 25494.

TAMIL IYER 39, Kowsika Uttara, Divorcee US based seek Alliance from any Brahmin Bride 35-39 Years. Non-drinker Pref Veg, India/US Contact / Message : +91 99852 40207

BRAHMIN 39 Chennai Divorced and well Settled Income Monthly 5 Lakhs Bride Wanted Ct: 8754536193

BRIDE WANTED
Hindu Nadar Boy, Fair, Handsome, 26 Yrs, 5.6', Prof.Qual. Own Business, well settled Family seeks Educated, Fair Girl from Reputed Family. Mediators with Good Contacts also Call.
98400 22535
hindunadar555@gmail.com

BRIDE WANTED
Tamil Muslim - 28yrs/175cm handsome, BE - MS (USA), SW Engr in USA from Well educated, moderately religious family - Seeks fair, tall TM Engr bride age 23-26 yrs, working / studying in USA or eligible to relocate for a job in USA. Kindly share bio-data with photos to WhatsApp.
Ct: 9444149649
nasarqmc@gmail.com

TAMIL

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VANNIYAKULA KSHATRIYA
groom 30/165 well educated Software Engineer, US Citizen seeks educated bride 24 - 28yrs from a respectable family. India / Abroad. Caste No Bar
Ct: 94435 18843
82202 34848

ADIDRAVIDA, SC, Hindu/ RC, 28/180, Fair, B.E.,EEE., Pvt. Job, 30K pm seeks suitable employed Bride. Ct: 9445507220

Iyer Vadamal, Kasyapa Poorattathi 43/ 161cm M.Sc Working in MNC Chennai 15L PA seeks Educated Employed / Unemployed Bride subsect no bar Ct: 99433 06563 / 044-2950 3379

CASTE NO BAR, Hindu Yadava, 31/180, M.E, Employed in Multinational Company at Chennai, seeks suitable professionally qualified bride with good family background Ct: 94444 49696.

MUDALIAR 56/160, M.A, Central Govt Employee, 90K pm. Never Married, seeks bride. CNB. Cont: 87786 30870.

TELUGU

KAPU BOY, 6 feet 1 inch 29, B.Tech from IIT Kanpur, Group A Gazetted officer in Govt of India seeks suitable alliance. Contact: +91 8928575214

BALIJA NAIDU, 1985/180cms, KRITHIGAI, Fair, MCA & MBA, IT Mgr in Dubai–Transferable Job, Seeks suitable bride from decent family–sub caste no bar, with BHP ct: 9840633177

KAMMA Naidu, 1974 born, Never married, Good looking, MCA, 5'9", Fair, Chennai, S/w MNC, 45 LPA, seeks suitable Bride. Contact: 9841025124.

RICH KAMMA Naidu 28/B.E.,M.S., Own Diamond Jwellery & Star Hotels Affluent Family Seeks Bride. 7200067015

32YRS BCOM /MBA, Senior Analyst@ Allsec Technology Chennai Seeks Bride from Balija Naidu Family 9884222271

NAIDU 30/175, V. Handsome,MBBS,MD, Govt.Hospital,1200000.PA,Elite Family, 20Cr, CNB. 7299576644,7299576666

NAIDU/1974/DIVORCED/BE/MNC–SOFTWARE & Unmarried Groom/1972/B.Sc/Business/Chennai seeks suitable Bride respectively from India/US ct. 9087296964 Email ddnaidu0202@gmail.com

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ELITE NAIDU FAMILY in Chennai, Seeks Aliance for their only Son, 5.8',Very Fair, MBA, Born 1999, Meenam, Uthiratathi. Seeks Aliance in same Caste. Ct: 0–98410 71701

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Assimilating traditions: A priest dressed as Kali ties a holy rope on the wrist of Marilda Massarotto during the Mayana Kollai festival.

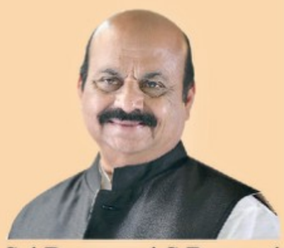
World is a family: Marianne Wendel, a nurse from Sweden, and Marilda Massarotto, a yoga tutor from Brazil, share a moment during the festival. Marianne has been coming to Thiruvannamalai since 2015, except during the COVID years. Marilda, has made her maiden visit to practise yoga.

Seasoned visitor: Mac Nicolson, 70, from Lismore, Australia, is a writer who was also a horse breeder and farmer. Yogi is his Indian name and he has been coming to Thiruvannamalai since 1971.

United colours: Western tourists and local people seen taking photographs of the Mayana Kollai festival in Thiruvannamalai.

Sri Narendra Modi
Hon'ble Prime Minister

Labour Department
Karnataka Building And Other Construction Workers Welfare Board



Sri Basavaraj S Bommai
Hon'ble Chief Minister

Medical Facilities

In the interest of health of the registered construction workers, medical facility is being provided by the Board under the schemes of "Karmika Chikitsaa Bhagya" and "Karmika Aarogya Bhagya".

Karmika Chikitsaa Bhagya: Financial assistance upto Rs. 2,00,000/- will be provided for treatment of major ailments like heart disease, kidney transplant, cancer surgery, eye surgery etc.

Karmika Aarogya Bhagya: Registered beneficiary and their dependents can avail financial assistance from Rs. 300/- to Rs. 20,000/- for minor ailments.

Apply online at below website

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Hon'ble Minister of Labour and Chairman of the Board Sri. Arbail Shivaram Hebbar inaugurated "Shramika Sanjeevini" Mobile Health Clinics.

For Further Details Please Contact

Labour Helpline 155214, Labour Officers, Senior Labour Inspector/Labour Inspector, Department of Labour.

Eligibility

- Shall be registered with the Board and their registration must be active.
- Beneficiary shall be admitted as an inpatient for at least 2 days in Government/Government recognized private hospitals (belonging to schedule 1) and should submit certificate of admission.
- Application to avail "Karmika Chikitsaa Bhagya" should be submitted within 6 months from the date of discharge from the hospital.
- Application to avail "Karmika Aarogya Bhagya" should be submitted within 6 months from the date of hospitalization.

Documents Required

- Registration Card (Labour Card) issued by the Board.
- Copy of ration card and bank pass book.
- Employment Certificate/Self Attestation Certificate.
- Hospital bills (Must include date of admission and discharge and details of treatment).
- Discharge certificate (Discharge summary).
- Form 22A filled by Hospital (Karmika Chikitsaa Bhagya).

Dr. N V Prasad IAS
Secretary to the Government,
Department of Labour

Akram Pasha IAS
Labour Commissioner and CEO,
KBOCWWB

Ineligible beneficiaries/workers (Non-construction workers) obtaining registration and availing benefits by providing false info/fake documents/impersonation is a punishable offence.

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ASTER WOMEN AND CHILDREN HOSPITAL'S TECHNOLOGY AND EXPERTISE GIVE A HEALTHY LIFE TO A 23-WEEK PREEMIE

Saisha Varghese (34 years old) conceived after 8 years of marriage and a previous unfortunate abortion. Her pregnancy proceeded smoothly until hyperemesis gravidarum set in with vomiting, gastric upset and severe abdominal pain, requiring her to be hospitalised. Saisha arrived at the **Aster Women and Children Hospital, Whitefield** and was placed on continuous foetal monitoring. She was given a dose of steroid and magnesium sulphate anticipating the delivery. Saisha progressed and delivered an extremely premature baby girl at 23 weeks gestation through normal vaginal delivery weighing only 550 gms, and with breathing difficulty immediately after birth.

Dr. Lathiesh Kumar Kambham
Lead Neonatology, Consultant – Paediatrics and Neonatology

Dr. Srinivasa Murthy C L
Lead Paediatrics, Consultant – Paediatrics and Neonatology

NEONATAL COMPREHENSIVE CARE

Aster's neonatal team started respiratory support for the baby who was placed in a state-of-the-art Giraffe incubator in the NICU. The team aggressively managed treatment in the first golden hour of life. Nutrition for extreme preterm babies is challenging. Each volume of feed, calories, micronutrients, vitamins, electrolytes must be calculated cautiously. Aster provided some of the best technologies and expertise towards the preemie and followed protocols to build up the baby's health. Saisha's baby progressed to full feed with adequate bowel and bladder habits, requiring no respiratory support.

ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY

Dr. Lathiesh Kumar Kambham, Lead Neonatology, Consultant – Paediatrics and Neonatology, Aster Women and Children Hospital, said "Optimised oxygenation is critical in extreme preterm babies. Our ventilator helped with her breathing, and seeing significant improvement, we weaned her to a non-invasive respiratory support on day 4 of life. Our incubator provided the warmth required to maintain normal BMR and humidity which prevented the insensible water loss, and the closed chamber prevented the other forms of heat loss, resulting in a healthy baby."

Dr. Srinivasa Murthy C L, Lead Paediatrics, Consultant – Paediatrics and Neonatology, Aster Women and Children Hospital, said, "Managing an extreme premature is a complicated process requiring years of expertise, precision and knowledge along with state-of-the-art technology. It is crucial to provide continuous medical assistance within the golden hour to save the baby and ensure a healthy life. We at Aster came together and worked tirelessly to keep Saisha's daughter safe. As a result of our efforts and the baby's will power, today she is a healthy and happy baby."

GLOBAL EXPERTISE

The entire neonatal staff played a vital role in the recovery and growth of the preemie, through monitoring, providing feeds and medications, assisting the mother, and in helping establish Kangaroo mother care and breastfeeding.

THE OUTCOME

"This has been a very difficult time for us as parents and the Aster team stood by us and made it easier. Every day had new challenges and they handled our baby with the highest level of care and attention. We thank the Aster team for helping our little girl and giving her a healthy life," said Mrs. Saisha Varghese.

Today, Saisha's baby went home after 87 days in the Aster NICU, with the corrected gestation of 36 weeks and with 4 times her birth weight, now at 1.98 kg.

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INBRIEF

Lecturer arrested while trying to sell ivory artefacts

Officials of the CID forest mobile squad on Saturday busted another racket and arrested a 40-year-old lecturer from Gandasi town of Arsikere taluk while he was trying to sell artefacts made of ivory and leopard nails. A team led by Deputy Superintendent of Police Ravi Shankar raided the place near Talekere handpost where Naveen Kumar was waiting for his clients. The officials recovered a bag containing eight bracelets, a jewel box, three walking sticks, and two leopard nails from him. Naveen Kumar has a masters degree in English literature from Mysuru University and is teaching in a private PU college in Tiptur. The accused also had a few acres of land, a police officer said. He was produced before the forest cell chief Sharath Chandra along with the the seized material. Probe revealed that the accused had sourced the articles from his contacts who are tribals from Shivamogga.

From Page One

EC verification finds 20,000 wrongfully deleted names

Although over 170 constituencies had been initially identified in the State that met the EC's verification criteria (where more than 4% of voters had been deleted), 28 lakh deleted entries in all the 224 assembly constituencies were scrutinised in Karnataka. Of the 28 lakh deleted entries in 43,000 polling stations, 3.56 lakh deleted entries were field-verified.

Manoj Kumar Meena, CEO for Karnataka, told The Hindu that following this verification, corrective measures had been initiated and all the 19,922 deleted names had been included in electoral rolls. "Procedural violations, including shifting of residence and spelling mistakes, were found in these deletions," Mr Meena said.

Pointing out that the verification was taken up from mid-January to mid-February, the CEO said the maximum number of deletions were from Bengaluru. "In the table-top verification, our booth-level officers did field verification of 3.56 lakh deleted entries. They visited the houses of voters for physical verification," he said. However, he dismissed allegations that names of minorities and some downtrodden communities were deleted. "Some procedural violations were found only in these 19,922 deleted entries and corrective measures have been initiated," he asserted. Appealing to people to check their names in the final electoral rolls-2023, Mr. Meena said: "There is time to make corrections or include names. People should check their names and submit applications in the relevant form for inclusion of name, correction of name, shifting of name to different address and deletion of ineligible entries."

Toy train to be back on track soon in Bal Bhavan

An official of the Horticulture Department said, "The Bal Bhavan located inside the Cubbon Park is spread over 12 acres. After the outbreak of the pandemic, the Bal Bhavan has remained shut. There are many developmental activities taking place. Earlier, an IT company under the corporate social responsibility scheme had set up therapeutic parks for differently abled children, and now various restoration activities are happening as part of the Smart City projects. There will be more footfall once these facilities are open to children."

Former Mayors, councillors among Assembly poll ticket aspirants in Bengaluru

M. Goutham Kumar of the BJP and Gangambike Mallikarjun of the Congress are lobbying for ticket from Shantinagar constituency and Chickpet constituency, respectively

Darshan Devaiah B.P.
BENGALURU

Many former city councillors, including several former Mayors, are vying for the ticket to contest in the Assembly elections.

Former councillors and former Mayors from the BJP and the Congress are lobbying for ticket from various Assembly segments in the city, banking on their established network in the wards. Former Mayors M. Goutham Kumar of the BJP and Gangambike Mallikarjun of the Congress are lobbying for ticket from Shantinagar constituency and Chickpet constituency, respectively.

Mr. Goutham Kumar confirmed to *The Hindu* that he was a ticket aspirant and said, "I am looking forward to the party ticket to contest the Assembly election as I am a two-time councillor. I have been convincing the party's top leaders by putting forward my work during my tenure as Mayor, that too amid the COVID-19 pandemic."

Gangambike Mallikarjun and M. Goutham Kumar.

Shantinagar constituency has been the stronghold of Congress MLA N.A. Haris.

In Chickpet constituency, in the heart of the city, Ms. Mallikarjun is seeking the Congress ticket to contest against incumbent MLA Uday B. Garudachar of the BJP. Sources in the Congress said Ms. Mallikarjun has approached senior leaders seeking the ticket with the help of party veteran and MLA for BTM Layout Ramalinga Reddy.

"I am interested in contesting from the Chickpet constituency and have approached senior leaders of the party. I am confident of being fielded by the party," Ms. Mallikarjun said. Meanwhile, the former MLA from Congress R.V. Devraj and the former councillor R.V. Yuvraj are also ticket aspirants, while KGF Babu, who was recently suspended from the Congress, is also keen to contest from Chickpet.

Former Mayor G. Padmavathi of the Congress, who lost the 2018 Assembly polls against the BJP's S. Suresh Kumar by 9,453 votes in Rajajinagar constituency, is planning to try her luck again from the constituency. Ms. Padmavathi said, "Despite losing the election, I have been doing my work in the constituency. I am confident that I will get the ticket this time too and win the election."

Along with Ms. Padmavathi, the former Mayor R. Sampath Raj, who contested on the Congress ticket and lost to S. Raghu in C.V. Raman Nagar constituency, is making efforts to get the ticket again. Mr. Raj lost to Mr. Raghu by 12,227 votes in 2018.

Mr. Raj confirmed that he has approached Congress leaders for the ticket and said, "I am working for the party in the constituency for the last five years and I have registered 30,000 members for the party." However, Congress sources said though Mr. Raj had sought the ticket again, the D.J. Halli riot incident may impact his chances.

In addition, the former two-time councillor Umesh Shetty is an aspirant from the BJP to contest from Vijayanagar against M. Krishnappa of the Congress. Abdul Wajid, former Congress councillor from Manorayanapalya, is an aspirant to contest from Hebbal.

Girl drowns in sump pit

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The under-construction building where the accident occurred, in Bengaluru on Friday. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

A six-year-old girl drowned in the sump pit of a six-storeyed under-construction residential building in Sultanpet in City Market police station limits on Friday. The deceased has been identified as Maheshwari, the elder daughter of Mallappa.

According to the police, Mallappa had, along with his wife and another daughter, come to meet site supervisor Umesh, their relative. While they were busy in talking, Maheshwari slipped while playing and fell into the sump pit, which was around 10 feet deep and filled with water. A few minutes later, Mallappa realised that Maheshwari was missing, and later found her in the sump pit, said the police. A case of death due to negligence has been booked against the site engineer and owner.

Man stabs mother-in-law to death over domestic row

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 38-year-old man allegedly stabbed his sister turned mother-in-law to death over a domestic row in Brindavan layout in Kengeri on Friday evening.

The deceased has been identified as Elilarasi from Marikoppam in KGF. The accused Diwakar is on the run. According to the police, Elilarasi had married her daughter to her younger brother Diwakar and the couple had a minor daughter. The couple used to have frequent fights. Unable to bear the harassment, she returned to her mother with her daughter.

Diwakar went to get back his family and returned with his daughter and stayed in his relative's house in Brindavan layout. Elilarasi, who got to know about her granddaughter missing, went with her second daughter and her husband to being back the child.

Argument

A heated argument ensued and in the melee, Diwakar stabbed Elilarasi on the neck with a knife and injured her daughter too. Elilarasi was rushed to a nearby hospital where the doctors declared her as brought dead.

The Kengeri police are now on a massive manhunt for Diwakar.

Three police personnel suspended for sharing call detail record with pvt. party

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The city Police Commissioner suspended three police personnel for allegedly taking the call detail record (CDR) of a woman working in a media house and passing it on to a private person. The woman complained to the Police Commissioner, who ordered a CCB probe. Based on the CCB report, it was confirmed they were guilty and the Police Commissioner issued a suspension order pending inquiry. The accused are Suresh, Superintendent of Central Division technical cell, head constable Somashekhar, and constable Nagaraj.

Techie assaulted for feeding strays

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Bannerghatta police are on the lookout for two people who assaulted a 54-year-old software engineer and threatened her with consequences for feeding stray dogs last Monday.

Meera Tiwari, a resident of Bingipura, was returning home, when two men started hurling abuses for feeding stray dogs. When Meera questioned him, he slapped and punched her face. Meera called 112, who advised her to go to the hospital.

Student dies while performing at fest

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

A 26-year-old student died while dancing at the inaugural event of a student festival at Azim Premji University on Friday afternoon. The student has been identified as Abhijit Shinde, a first-year MA student.

The Sarjapur police are awaiting the post mortem report to ascertain the cause of death. Police officials reported that after collapsing at the annual fest UnMukt 2023 while performing, Abhijit was attended to by the on-campus doctor and later shifted to a hospital, where he was declared brought dead. The police then shifted the body to St. John's Medical College for post-mortem. The body was handed over to the family on Saturday.

On Saturday, Akash, Abhijit's brother, filed a complaint with the police based on which a case of unnatural death has been registered. They suspect the cause of death could have been cardiac arrest.

"We are saddened by the unfortunate demise of a student at the university campus. The student collapsed while participating in the festival and, despite immediate medical help, could not be saved," APU said in a press release.

Abhijit had participated in the hunger strike which was against the varsity's shuttle fees policy on February 22. "The deceased student was not on hunger strike on February 23 or 24," APU said.

No parking in CBD areas due to VIP movement

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Traffic police have banned parking of all types of vehicles on either sides of the road in the Central Business District (CBD) area and have requested the motorists to use alternative roads from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. due to the visit of the German Chancellor to Bengaluru on Sunday.

Road users have been requested to avoid Ballari Road, Mehkri Circle, Cauvery Theatre junction, Ramana Maharshi Road, Infantry Road, Cubbon Road, Old Airport Road, Whitefield Main Road, Outer Ring Road (from HAL to KR Pura), Doddanekkundi road, Graphite India Road, Queen's Road, Raj Bhavan Road, Indiranagar 100 Feet Road, MG Road, Old Madras Road.

Drug racket unearthed

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

The Amruthahalli police on Friday busted an inter-State drug racket and recovered synthetic drugs worth ₹50 lakh.

Based on a tip-off, the police raided a place on Jakkur Double road and arrested Mubeen Babu, 32, and Mansoor, 36, from Kerala, while they were waiting for their clients. They then raided a rented house and arrested six of their associates, who were also from Kerala.

PUBLIC NOTICE

BE KNOWN TO ALL that my client **Sri.Neeta Pattan, W/o.Basavaraj Sinnur,** intended to purchase the property bearing Site No.367, of III Stage, in Sy Nos.77 to 90, 105 to 119/1, 5, 4 to 122, 147 to 165 and 273, situated at: **Halagevaderahalli, Kengeri Hobli, Bengaluru South Taluk, Bengaluru,** measuring East to West 50 feet and North to South (87.6+93.6)/2 feet, totally measuring 502.77 Sq yards, **East by:** R.F.D, **West by:** Site No.366, **North by:** S.W.D, **South by:** Road from its owner **Sri.Hanish.P.Shah, S/o.Pravin.P.Shah.** If any person entity has any claim/objection in the matter of the intended sale of the said property or any part, thereof, such a person submit his/her claim/objection with documentary proof thereof to the undersigned in writing within **Fifteen (15) days** from the date of this notice, failing which it would be presumed that there are no claims/objections and our client shall proceed with the purchase of the said property from the owner.

K.V. Prema Krishna, Advocate
No. 25, D.M. Chambers,
BEML Layout, R.R. Nagar,
Bangalore-560098. Ph : 9341381368

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby informed to the public that my client **Sri. Tribawan Koul** and **Smt. Anju Raina Koul** are intending to purchase the immovable Property bearing No.12, having BBMP Khatha No 463/365/6, carved out in Sy. No. 29, Situated at Nagappa Reddy Layout Extension, Kaggadasapura Village, K.R.Puram Hobli, earlier Bangalore South Taluk, Now Bangalore East Taluk, presently under the Administrative Jurisdiction of BBMP, measuring East to West 40 ft. and North to South 30 ft, totally measuring about 1200 sq. ft., along with 2800 sq. ft. R.C.C. Building from its owner Sri. S. Nagaraja.

If anybody or any authority having any right, title, claims, interest or objections over the same, may file their objections with documents to below mentioned address within 7 days from the date of this public notice. Failing which my client will proceed to purchase the above said Property by treating no one has objections in respect of the said properties.

Subrahmanya Hegde,
Advocate,
ANANDA & HEGDE LAW ASSOCIATES,
#76-77, Krishna Krupa Building,
Ground Floor, 2nd Main Road,
Sheshadripuram, Bangalore-20.
Mob: 9060069259.

PUBLIC NOTICE

This notice is issued on behalf of My client **Ms.Prathiba D/o Sri.Pradeep Chandakapura** to bring the notice of the general public that the **original absolute sale deed doc No.YAN-1-06321/2017-18, date.01.12.2017 AND Registered original gift deed doc No.YAN-1-11563/2022-23, date.29.12.2022, are** missing / lost/ misplaced in respect of schedule property.

If any person/s, firm, company, institution or organization has any claim are holding the afore mentioned document, they may contact the undersigned in writing within **7 days** from the date of this notice failing which it will be presumed that there are no claims.

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East by : Road, West by : Site No.51, North by : Site No.43, South by : Site No.44A.

H. Prahlada, Advocate & Solicitor,
For H.P.Law, #2, 3rd Floor, Venkateshwara Complex, Yeshwanthpur, Bangalore-560022
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Run for rare diseases today

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

To commemorate World Rare Disease Day, the Organization for Rare Diseases India (ORDI) is holding the 8th edition of RaceFor7 on Sunday in Bengaluru.

An annual event by ORDI to raise awareness for the rare disease community and advocate better policies and access to treatment for rare disease patients, RaceFor7 is a 7-km walk/run/cycle symbolising 7,000 known rare diseases, the average of 7 years it takes to diagnose a rare disease and the 70 million estimated rare disease patients in India.

The event is open to the public. Registration details are on racefor7.com

"We are thrilled to bring Racefor7 back to an in-person event," said Prasanna Kumar Shirol, co-founder and Executive Director, ORDI.

IIA draws astro enthusiasts on Open Day

Amrit Pillai
BENGALURU

Ahead of National Science Day, Indian Institute of Astrophysics (IIA) organised an Open Day on its Bengaluru campus for the general public on Saturday. The day-long exhibition held by the IIA saw participants from amateur astronomy groups, schools and colleges from across Bengaluru set up stalls or visit the science and astrophysics fair, which materialised after an absence of two years due to the pandemic.

The exhibition comprised models, demonstrations, and experiments mainly set up by members of astronomy clubs and groups across Bengaluru, government schools, and PhD students studying at IIA.

Speaking at the event, Annapurni Subramaniam, director, IIA, said: "Along with National Science Day, conducting open days has always been a tradition here, at the almost 50-year-old campus. We set up experiments on open days and also during astronomical events like eclipses."

Visitors at the exhibition held at the Indian Institute of Astrophysics in Bengaluru on Saturday. SUDHAKARA JAIN

He added: "Having set up a separate section called SCOPE (Science Communication, Outreach and Public Education), the team which is heading the event now, we have involved a lot of younger people in order to reach out to the younger generation. It is essential to reach out to the public and put out put out experiments and ideas that would attract and compel them to ask curious questions."

One of the highlights of the exhibition was the explanation of various elementary concepts and aspects of space, explained by the PhD students, according to the visitors.

Saroja, a government school teacher, said: "Whenever we think of a model at any science exhibition, our mind always correlates it with a working model. Therefore, considering the place the exhibition is at which represents the subject and knowledge on space, I found it incredible to see young students setting up working models and exhibits that explain the relevant concepts of space really well."

"The models showcased took us back to our schooling days, considering how simple the explanation of the concepts was. We also had the opportunity to speak with astronomers and scientists, who were a part of the exhibition and answered our questions and explained some of the exhibits. It was fascinating to learn about their research and the models they came up with while studying the universe," remarked a group of college students from Jain Deemed to be University.

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Window panes of Vande Bharat Express train damaged in stone pelting

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BENGALURU

Two window panes of the premium Vande Bharat Express (20607) were damaged after miscreants pelted stones at the moving train. The incident occurred between Krishnarajapuram and Bengaluru Cantonment Railway Station. No passengers were injured.

Railway official said the train was coming from Chennai and the incident happened around 10.30 a.m. on Saturday. In November, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched South India's first Vande Bharat train service between Chennai and Mysuru via Bengaluru.

One of the damaged window panes of Vande Bharat Express.
SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

This is not the first instance of stone pelting at Vande Bharat trains. Recently, such cases were reported in Visakhapatnam in Andhra Pradesh and Katihar district of Bihar. A South Western Railway press release said incidents of pelting stones at trains are being frequently reported in the Bengaluru division. This year, 21 cases were reported in January and 13 in February. Cases were reported between Lottegollahalli and Kodigehalli, Baiyappanahalli and Channasandra, Channasandra and Yelahanka, Chikkabanavara and Yesvantpur sections and also near Krishnarajapuram, Baiyyappanahalli, Tumakuru, Banaswadi, Carmelaram, and Bengaluru Cantonment areas.

The SWR has appealed to the public and passengers to inform them about stone pelting incidents by contacting the toll-free helpline number 139.

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Swachh Bharat Swachh Bengaluru, is a project for better Bengaluru with an effort towards making Bengaluru a garbage free city. As part of Swachh Survekshan 2023, BBMP has initiated a competition inviting proposals for Solid Waste Management ideas to implement in Bengaluru city. In a bid to meet the annual requirements of the Swachh Survekshan, BBMP also invited the public participation to make Bengaluru, a garbage free city.

In Bengaluru, in spite of door to door arrangements to collect the garbage, people dump their garbage in street corners, vacant sites, near transformers, inside drains, roads and parks and into lakes at their convenience. Littering forces manual handling of garbage, affects the health of citizens, harms animals that feed from these spots, disturbs the aesthetics of the city and affects disposal of garbage.

The solution does not lie in merely doing clean-up drives, but also changing behavioural aspects of citizens. The city just managed to secure the 43rd national rank out of 7500. BBMP requests the people's participation and cooperation to resolve the issue and keep the city litter-free so that the city can secure the higher ranks this year.

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INBRIEF

'New curriculum to give fillip to electronics ecosystem'

The government has plans to introduce a new educational curriculum as part of its Future Skills programme in order to give a fillip to the country's emerging semicon and electronic ecosystem, said the Minister of State for Electronics & Information Technology and Skill Development & Entrepreneurship, Rajeev Chandrasekhar, here on Friday.

Future Skills, is a skilling ecosystem focused on emerging technologies, set up jointly by the Ministry of Electronics and Information Technology and the tech industry apex body, Nassom, with an objective to propel India to become a global hub of talent in emerging technologies.

"The curriculum is being developed in collaboration with industry experts and academics. With this, a large number of colleges will have new degrees, new electives, and new certification programs in VLSI (very large-scale integration)," said the Minister. He was speaking at the second edition of Semicon India FutureDESIGN Roadshow, at IISc in Bengaluru.

Cauvery basin reservoirs have enough water to tide over summer months: Govt.

Monsoon of 2022 saw most districts of Karnataka, including the South-Interior region, receive excess rainfall

The Hindu Bureau
MYSURU

A file photo of the Krishnarajasagar in Mandya district.

The water level in the three major Cauvery basin reservoirs – Krishnarajasagar (KRS), Hemavati, and Kabini – were enough to meet the anticipated water requirements of the people in the region during the summer months, the government has said.

According to a reply provided by Minister for Water Resources Govind Karjol to a question from Madhu G. Made Gowda earlier this week in the Legislative Council, the water storage in KRS, Hemavati, and Kabini reservoirs stood at 29.086 tmcft, 20.726 tmcft, and 8.109 tmcft, respectively, on February 14.

The storage in the reservoirs was enough to meet the anticipated requirement of water during the summer months, said the Minister. Monsoon of 2022 saw most districts of Karnataka, including the South-Interior region, receive excess rainfall. By July 2022, as many as 18 districts had large excess rainfall, 11 had received excess rainfall, and two normal rainfall.

As per the final award of the Cauvery Water Disputes Tribunal, Karnataka is entitled to 6.5 tmcft of water a year for consumptive use towards drinking requirements. During the summer months between February and May, about 2.16 tmcft of water is required for drinking purposes.

The Minister said about 4.5 tmcft of water is required for the standing sugarcane crop, which has been permitted by the tribunal only on 40,000 acres in the area irrigated by the Visvesvaraya canal of KRS.

The rest of the standing crop would be irrigated from Hemavati and Kabini reservoirs during summer, he said.

The kharif crop of 2022 in Kabini and Hemavati reservoir area has almost entirely been harvested while the irrigation authorities began releasing water to the standing crops in KRS area from January 11, 2023, as per a time schedule that stretches for about 18 days every month from January to May 2023.

Before releasing water for the kharif crop of 2023, the government will take up emergency works to remove the weeds and silt from the canals to ensure that water reaches the tail-end farmers.

Reservoir levels

KRS	
Full reservoir level	124.8 feet
Present level	111.5 ft
Gross capacity	49.45 tmcft
Present storage	33.17 tmcft

KABINI	
Full reservoir level (Above mean sea level)	2,284 ft
Present level	2,270.3 ft
Gross capacity	19.52 tmcft
Present storage	11.89 tmcft

HEMAVATI	
Full reservoir level (Above mean sea level)	2,922.10 ft
Present level	2,903.5 ft
Gross capacity	37.10 tmcft
Present storage	22.06 tmcft

*KSNDMC data as of February 22

OBITUARY & REMEMBRANCE

DEATH

R Madhavan Nair (68) , Retired Chief of Bureau , The Hindu, Kozhikode passed away on 24-02-2023. Address: 'Kasturi', Saffron builders Villas, Near Moozhivil Devi Temple, Opp. Golf View Hotel, Nedumbassery, Ernakulam District. Contact: 94470 70052

PUBLIC NOTICE

This is to inform the general public that our client intends to purchase the Schedule Property from its present owner **Mr. Arava Venkata Ramalakshmana Anji Prasad** S/o. **Arava Narayana Swamy.**

Any person/s having any claim, right, title or interest over the schedule property or any objections to the proposed purchase, may file their objections in writing along with copies of supporting documents to the undersigned within 14 days from the date of this publication, failing which our client will be advised to go ahead and complete the sale formalities.

SCHEDULE PROPERTY

Property bearing **Site.No.39**, Khata No.6, formed out of converted Sy.No.6, vide conversion Order No. ALN(E)SR(K.R.PURA)02/2011-12, dated 01/06/2011, now comes under the jurisdiction of Bruhat Bangalore Mahanagara Palike, Bangalore, situated at Kalkere Channasandra Village, K.R.Pura Hobli, Bangalore East Taluk, Bangalore, site measuring East to West 50 Feet North to South 30 Feet, in all measuring 1500 Sq. Ft and bounded on East Road, on West Site No.62, on North Site No.40 and on South Site No.38

Sd/- **Akhila & Associates, Advocates**
#121, LRDE Layout Doddanekkundi, Marathahalli, Bangalore-560037.
Phone: 9741300393

PUBLIC NOTICE

My client intends to purchase the Schedule Property from **M/s PYDA INFRA represented by its Partner Mr. Rajesh Reddy Pyda** who is an absolute owner through a Sale Deed which was registered vide **Doc No. BYP-08700-2021-22 stored in CD No. BYPD1061 dated 04-03-2022** at the Office of the Sub-Registrar, Byatarayanapura, Bangalore.

Any person/s banks, financial institutions, claiming an interest in the said property or against the Owner, are hereby required to register their claims / objections in writing with documentary evidence to the undersigned within 10-days from **26/02/2023** , failing which the said sale will be completed very next day. Any objections / claims received thereafter will not be entertained / binding on our client.

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Date : 26/02/2023
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Advocate **Mrs. T K PARVATHI**
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No. EE/PREDn/HVR/PB-2/Tender/2022-23/6706 Dated:23-02-2023

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BEFORE THE XXVI ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE, MAYO HALL, BANGALORE (CCH-20)
O.S. NO. 25678 OF 2022

Plaintiff :
M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd., Having its Regd. Off. at Mytree Centre, No.4, 101, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068. Reptd. by its Debt Collection Manager : Sri. Pramodh.G, S/o. Gurumallappa. B,
Defendant :
Mr. Shiv N. Savsani, Aged about 29 years, S/o. Mr. Naresh Kumar, S Savsani Residing At No. 152, Priyadarshini Layout, Moodalapalya Nagar, Bhavi Road, Near Bus Stop, Bangalore- 560 072.

WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit against you seeking to recover a sum of Rs. 6,79,040/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Seventy Nine Thousand Forty Rupees Only) together with future interest at 11.99% p.a, you are hereby summoned to appear in Court of the XXVI Addl. City Civil & Sessions Court (CCH-20), Mayo Hall, Bangalore, in person or by pleader on the 05th day of April, 2023 to answer the same, failing which the suit/applicarion will be disposed of ex-parts.

Given under my hand and seal of this court on **20/02/2023.**
Bengaluru
Dated:
By Order of the Hon. Court
Dy. Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayo hall unit, Bangalore
ALTAF HASAN, Advocate for Plaintiff, 60, G-3, M.M. Complex, Tasker Town, Chikka Bazaar Road, Shivajinagar, Bangalore- 560051.

IN THE COURT OF 13th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE MAYOHALL BANGALORE (CCH-22)
O.S. NO. 25302 OF 2022

Plaintiff :
M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd., Having its Regd. Off at Mytree Centre. No.4, 101, Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore- 560068. Reptd. By its Debt Collection Manager : Sri. Pramodh.G, S/o. Gurumallappa. B, **...Plaintiff**
Defendant :
Mr. Bandi Obireddy, Aged about 29 Years, S/o. Mr. Bandi Raja Reddy, R/at No. 381, Chennakesava Nagar, 2nd Cross, 2nd Floor, Hosa Road Junction, Electronic City, Bangalore- 560 100.

WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit against you seeking to recover a sum of Rs.6,02,764/- (Rupees Six Lakhs Two Thousand Seven Hundred and Sixty Four Only) together with future interest at 11.25% p.a, you are hereby summoned to appear in the court of the 13th Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bangalore CCH-22 in person or by pleader on the 17th day of March, 2023 to answer the same, failing which the suit/applicarion will be disposed of ex-parts.

Given under my hand and seal of this cout on **17.02.2023.**
By Order of the Hon. Court,
Dy. Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayo hall unit, Bangalore.
Bengaluru
Dated:
Altaf Hasan, Advocate,
R.No. 474/1993, 60, G-3, M.M. Complex, Chikka Bazaar Road, Tasker Town, Shivajinagar, Bangalore- 560051

LEGAL NOTICE

IN THE COURT OF 13th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYOHALL AT BANGALORE (CCH- 22)
O.S. NO. 25446/2022
BETWEEN :
M/s. ICICI BANK LIMITED
Mittal Tower, M.G. Road, Bangalore- 560001
Represented by its officer of Power of Attorney Holder Mr. Pramodh G.
Aged about 46 years, S/o. Mr. Gurumallappa ...PLAINTIFF
AND
1. Mr. Jagadish R
S/o. Mr. Ramappa
No. 518, MM School, Doddathoguru, Electronic City
Bangalore- 560100 ...DEFENDANT NO. 1
Summons to Defendant No.1

Whereas, the above named Plaintiff has filed a Civil Suit for Recovery of a sum of **Rs. 2,83,859.42/- (Rupees Two Lakhs Eighty Three Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty Nine and paisa Forty Two Only)** apart from future interest of 15.50% p.a., in **O.S. No. 25446/2022** and same is pending adjudication in CCH-22, Before 13th Addl. City Civil Court, Mayohall Bengaluru.

You are hereby summoned to appear before the Hon'ble Court on the **23rd Day of March 2023** at **11:00 A.M.** to answer to the same, if failed the suit will decided in your absence, Ex-parte.

Given under my Hand and Seal of the Court this the **20th day of February, 2023.**
By Order of the Court
Deputy Registrar
City Civil Court Mayo Hall BANGALURU- 560 001
FX & CO., ADVOCATES,
New No.9, Old No.11/1 Gover Road, Cox Town, Bengaluru- 560 005.

IN THE COURT 13th ADDL. CITY CIVIL JUDGE, MAYO HALL BANGALORE (CCH-22)
O. S. NO. 25622 of 2022

Plaintiff :
M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd., Having its Regd. Off. at Mytree Centre, No. 4, 101 Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068. Reptd. by its Debt collection Manager : Sri. Pramodh. G, S/o. Gurumallappa B.
Defendant :
Mr. Gautam Kumar, Aged about 29 years, S/o. Mr. Dadan Prasad Residing At No. 71, Third Floor, Flat No. 305, 2nd Main, 1st Cross, Anugraha Layout, Near Parivar Residency, Bangalore- 560076.

WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit against you seeking to recover a sum of **Rs. 12,72,921/- (Rupees Twelve Lakhs Seventy Two Thousand Nine Hundred and Twenty One Only)** together with future interest at 11.99% p.a. you are hereby summoned to appear in this court of the 13th Addl. City Civil & Sessions Judge at Bangalore CCH-22 in person or by pleader on the **21st day of March, 2023** to answer the same, failing which the suit/application will be disposed of ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of this court on **21.02.2023.**
Bengaluru
Dated:
By Order of the Hon. Court,
by. Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayo hall unit, Bangalore
ALTAF HASAN, Advocate,
R. No. 474/1993,
60, G-3, M.M. Complex,
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LEGAL NOTICE

BEFORE THE XXVI ADDL. CITY CIVIL & SESSIONS JUDGE, MAYO HALL, BANGALORE (CCH-20)
O.S. No. 25014 of 2022
Plaintiff :
M/s. ICICI Bank Ltd.
Having its Regd. Off at Mytree Centre, No.4, 101 Hosur Road, Bommanahalli, Bangalore-560068. Reptd. by its Debts Collection Manager : Sri. Pramodh. G, S/o. Gurumallappa. B
Defendant :
Mr. Venkatesan, S/o. Rajathi Aged about 42 years, Residing at Site No. 10, House No. 734, Freedom Fighters Layout, Mount Senoria School Backside, 4th Cross, Laggere, Bangalore-560 058.

NOTICE TO DEFENDANT

WHEREAS the plaintiffs have instituted the above suit against you seeking to recover a sum of **Rs. 4,38,295/- (Rupees Four Lakhs Thirty Eight Thousand Two Hundred and Ninety Five Only)** together with future interest at 14.00% p.a, you are hereby summoned to appear in the Court of the XXVI Addl. City Civil & Sessions Court (CCH-20), Mayo Hall, Bangalore. in person or by pleader on the day of 4th Day April, 2023 to answer the same, failing which the suit/application will be disposed of ex-parte.

Given under my hand and seal of this court on 20/02/2023
By Order of the Hon. court
Deputy Registrar,
City Civil Court, Mayo Hall Unit, Bangalore
ALTAF HASAN, Advocate
60, G-3, Ground Floor, M.M. Complex, Chikka Bazaar Street, Tasker Town, Shivajinagar, Bangalore-051;

IN THE COURT OF THE PRINCIPAL SMALL CAUSES JUDGE (SCCH-03) AT BANGALORE
O.S. NO. 58 OF 2021
Plaintiff :
ICICI Bank Ltd., A body corporate incorporated And registered under the Indian Companies Act, 1956 and licensed As a Bank under the Banking Regulation Act, 1949 having Registered Office at : "Landmark", Race Course Circle, Vadodara - 390007, And having its Branch office at ICICI Bank Ltd., 11th Floor, C Wing, Mittal Tower, MG Road, Bangalore - 560 001 and Represented by its POA holder and Manager Mr. PRAMODH G, S/o Gurumallappa, Age : 45 Years. **...PLAINTIFF**
AND
Mr. Manjunath Gonal ...DEFENDANT
Summons to the defendant by way of paper publication
To,
Defendant:
Mr. Manjunath Gonal, Aged about 29 years, Son of Virupakshappa, R/at. 16, st Cross Bajaji Floor Layout, Near Patalamma Temple, Ninganahalli, Kothanur Post, Bangalore- 560077.

Whereas the Plaintiff above named has filed a suit under Order VII Rule 1 of the Civil Procedure Code for recovery of Rs. 1,25,739/- (Rupees One Lakh Twenty Five Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Nine Only) together with interest at the rate 18% p.a. from date of due to till the date of realization. You are hereby summoned to appear before this Hon'ble Court (SCCH- 03), in person or by a pleader on the **09/03/2023** at 11.00 am to show cause against the suit, and failing wherein the suit will be heard and determined exparte.

Given under my hand and seal of the Court this **16. 02.2023.**
By Order of The Court,
Asst. Registrar
City Civil Court Bangalore
Advocates for Plaintiff
S.M. ANEES AHAMED,
B.M. KUSHALAPPA,
Advocates,
No.4 (10/2), West Park Road, Kumara Park East, Bangalore- 560001.

As family feud continues, two JD(S) MLAs distance themselves from party

Hassan seat row: Kumaraswamy is said to be worried about voters' response across the State if one more member of the family is fielded

Sathish G.T.
HASSAN

Uncertainty continues: A file photo of the former Minister H.D. Revanna with his wife, Bhavani, and sons Prajwal, MP, and Suraj, MLC, during a rally in Holenarsipur taluk.

While the imbroglio over who will get the Janata Dal (Secular) ticket to contest from Hassan is still hanging fire, with differences on the issue within the H.D. Deve Gowda family still unresolved, it is having a cascading effect on the politics in the district which has been the stronghold of the party.

The prominence given to the members of Mr. Deve Gowda's elder son and JD(S) leader H.D. Revanna's family in Hassan during ticket distribution is being cited as a reason for two of its senior legislators distancing themselves from the party. Two MLAs – K.M. Shivalinge Gowda from Arsikere and A.T. Ramaswamy from Arkalgud – have remained aloof from the JD(S), and the party has identified Banavara Ashok, a Kuruba leader, and the former Minister A. Manju, respectively, to contest from these constituencies.

Brothers differ

With Bhavani Revanna, wife of Mr. Revanna, throwing her hat into the ring for the elections, selecting a candidate for Hassan seat has become a tough task. The former Chief Minister and younger son of Mr. Deve Gowda, H.D. Kumaraswamy, has been batting for fielding an "ordinary worker" from here, creating differences within the family.

Sources said Mr. Shivalinge Gowda, a three-time MLA for Arsikere who is expected to join the Congress, had suggested a candidate during the elections to the Legislative Council from local bodies of Hassan district in 2021. However, the party chose Suraj Revanna.

On the other hand, Mr. Ramaswamy said he had opposed fielding Prajwal Revanna for the Hassan Lok Sabha seat in 2019 and instead wanted Mr. Deve Gowda to contest. His "frank opinions" did not go down well with the family, he claimed.

Now, ahead of the Assembly elections, Mr. Kumaraswamy is said to be worried about voters' response across the State if one more member of the family is fielded. JD(S) leaders are worried that the party might lose its staunch followers if it continues to offer opportunities for more and more family members.

In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, the party suffered a severe jolt by fielding Mr. Deve Gowda, Nikhil Kumaraswamy, and Mr. Prajwal Revanna in Tumakuru, Mandya, and Hassan constituencies. Mr. Gowda and Mr. Nikhil Kumaraswamy lost.

Back in 2018

In the 2018 Assembly elections, the party won six of the seven seats in the district. Hassan seat was won by Preetham Gowda of the BJP.

Since then, Mr. Revanna's two sons – Mr. Prajwal Revanna and Mr. Suraj Revanna – have entered Parliament and Legislative Council, respectively. Mr. Revanna represents Holenarsipur Assembly constituency in the district.

From two seats?

The party is said to be now thinking about fielding Mr. Revanna for the Hassan and Holenarsipur seats. If he wins both, Ms. Bhavani will get a chance to contest the ensuing byelection. The party, which has already released a list of candidates, has not been able to finalise its candidates in Hassan.

Meeting put off

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A meeting of the Janata Dal (Secular) that was scheduled for Sunday to discuss and resolve the Hassan ticket issue was put off late on Saturday, resulting in continued uncertainty on the vexed issue.

The former Chief Minister H.D. Kumaraswamy had announced that a meeting was convened in Bengaluru on Sunday, while reiterating that an ordinary party worker would contest from Hassan and not a family member.

However, hours later, Hassan Lok Sabha member Prajwal Revanna – who has been batting for his mother, Bhavani Revanna, to contest – conveyed to his supporters in the party that the meeting was cancelled following the intervention of the former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda. Later in the day, a communique from the party said the meeting of Hassan leaders had been "postponed".

INBRIEF

CM proposes space in State on the lines of PMs' Museum

Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Saturday said there was a need for a museum in Karnataka, on the lines of the Prime Ministers' Museum in New Delhi, to delineate the struggle for the Karnataka's unification and major contributions of all Chief Ministers.

"Our future generation should not forget those who built Karnataka. Remembering them and their works, besides making it known to our future generation is our duty," Mr. Bommai said, speaking to reporters in Bengaluru, after unveiling the statue of K.C. Reddy, the first Chief Minister of Karnataka (then Mysuru State) at the Vidhana Soudha. "We need a museum that represents the struggles and circumstances that led to the formation of the State. Various agitations or movements that took place in the interest of the State, besides major decisions taken by all Chief Ministers, on the lines of the Prime Ministers' Museum in Delhi, should also be showcased," he added.

New office-bearers

Divya Raghavendra was elected as the 54th chairperson of Bengaluru Branch of the Southern India Regional Council (SIRC) of Institute of Chartered Accountants of India for 2023-24 at its annual general body meeting in Bengaluru on Friday. The other office-bearers are Pramod R. Hegde - vice- chairman, Manjunath M. Hallur - secretary, and Kavitha Paramesh - treasurer.

Yediyurappa appeals to Veerashaiva-Lingayats to continue support for BJP

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B.S. Yediyurappa

The former Chief Minister B.S. Yediyurappa, who on Friday bid the final adieu to the Legislative Assembly but vowed to continue his fight for the BJP's victory in the coming elections, on Saturday made an appeal to Veerashaiva-Lingayat community to continue supporting the saffron party even after his electoral retirement.

"With folded hands, I request the Veerashaiva-Lingayat community to continue supporting me and help the BJP win the next electons," Mr. Yediyurappa said in Bengaluru.

Concerns of drift

This comes amid concerns that Veerashaiva-Lingayats, the BJP's strong vote base, would drift away from the party with the exit of the community's strongman from the electoral battle and continued murmurs that he was "sidelined" in the party's State unit.

Opposition Congress has been harping on the "mistreatment" of the Lingayat strongman and its leaders have said time and again that Mr. Yediyurappa was made to step down from the chief ministerial post "with tears in his eyes". However, in his last speech in the Assembly, Mr. Yediyurappa stated that he was treated well in the party and given many high positions. Reiterating it again on Saturday, Mr. Yediyurappa said, "Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah have given me many opportunities... I am retiring voluntarily. I will be 80 on February 27. No one from the community should have any misunderstanding on this issue."

To tour State

The party veteran said he was content with what he was able to do for the development of the State. "In the coming days, I will tour the State. I will not sit idle at home. The BJP will come to power 100%," Mr. Yediyurapa said.

PM makes a cultural outreach by glorifying Kannada and Kannadigas

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BENGALURU

Prime Minister Narendra Modi at the inauguration of 'Barisu Kannada Dindimava' Amrit Mahotsav of Delhi-Karnataka Sangha at Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi on Saturday. PTI

Two days ahead of making yet another visit to poll-bound Karnataka on Monday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who inaugurated 'Barisu Kannada Dindimava', a two-day event commemorating the 75th anniversary of the Delhi Karnataka Sangha in the national capital on Saturday, used the platform to sing praises of Karnataka's culture. In the same breath, he also talked about how BJP at the Centre had hand-held the State in development.

Glorifying Kannada language and Karnataka's culture, traditions and history, the Prime Minister began his speech in Kannada with a line from Kuvempu's poem, "Elladaru iru, yentadaru iru, endendigu nee Kannadavagiru" (Wherever you are, whatever you are, always remain Kannada).

Vachanakaras

"The identity, traditions and inspirations of India cannot be defined without the contributions of Karnataka. I salute Kannadigas for their efforts in building the nation," the Prime Minister said. Referring to Veerashaiva-Lingayat vachanakaras as those who preserved faith during medieval times, the Prime Minister said: "When invaders were ravaging the country and destroying Shivalingas like Somnath, it was saints like Devara Dasimayya, Madara Chennaiah, Dohara Kakkaiah, and Basaveshwara who linked people with their faith. Similarly, warriors like Rani Abbakka, Onake Obavva, Rani Chennamma, Krantiveera Sangolli Rayanna faced the foreign powers." About 'Naada Geethe' by Kuvempu, he said the civilisation of India was depicted in this song and the roles and importance of Karnataka were described. "When we understand the spirit of this song, we also get the crux of Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat," he said.

The Prime Minister remarked that India was guided by the ideals of the Mother of Democracy when it was presiding over a global organisation like G-20. He said that the vows and democratic sermons of Basveshwara through 'Anubhava Mantapa' were like a ray of light for India.

Land of culture and AI

"Karnataka is the land of traditions and technology. It has a historical culture as well as modern artificial intelligence. Today, the development of Karnataka is a top priority for the country, and for the government of Karnataka," he said.

Shifting gears to the rhetoric of how Karnataka had benefited from BJP governments in State and at the Centre, he informed that between 2009 and 2014, ₹11,000 crore were given by the Centre to Karnataka, whereas, from 2019 to 2023 till now ₹30,000 crore have been given to Karnataka. He reeled out statistics to bolster the claim of how State had received generous grants from the BJP-ruled Centre.

Time for Siddaramaiah to face the harsh truth, says Bommai

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BENGALURU

It is time for Leader of the Opposition in the Assembly and former Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to "face the hard truth", said Chief Minister Basavaraj Bommai on Saturday.

Mr. Bommai was responding to Mr. Siddaramaiah's statement that the Chief Minister had told "lies" on the floor of the House on the Arkavathi Layout re-do issue only to shield himself and his government from allegations of corruption.

Commission report

Rebutting the allegation, Mr. Bommai told reporters here that he had only read the Justice Kempanna Commission report that had been prepared after gathering all evidence on the Arkavathi Layout issue and there was no question of telling lies.

Mr. Siddaramaiah had admitted that "officials had brought files" and he had "endorsed them", which amounts to accepting the mistake, the Chief Minister claimed.

Coffee growers want govt. to fix lease rentals for revenue land under cultivation

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Representatives of coffee organisations met Revenue Minister R. Ashok, after the State government passed an amendment to the Karnataka Land Revenue Act, 1964, to facilitate leasing of government land to coffee growers.

A delegation comprising Mahesh Shashidhar, chairman, Karnataka Planters' Association (KPA), Jeffry Rebello, president, United Planters' Association of Southern India (UPASI), and Mohan Kumar, president, Karnataka Growers' Federation met the Revenue Minister seeking that the government fix lease rentals in the range of ₹1,000 (1 to 5 acre holdings) to ₹3,000 (20 to 25 acre holdings) per acre for the government land on which some growers have taken up unauthorised cultivation.

Multiple demands

Growers' associations have insisted that growers under SC and ST categories be given a 50% discount on lease rental charges.

They also want that growers be allowed to avail of loans on the basis of the unauthorised cultivation on such land, or cultivation on land leased by the government, from nationalised banks, commercial and co-operative banks.

They want the government to give lease-holders the permission to transfer such leased revenue land to their legal heirs after his/her demise. They also asked for a time of three months, from the date of gazette notification of rules, to submit applications for leasing revenue land in case of unauthorised cultivation.

They thanked the government and Mr. Ashok for solving the vexed land issue faced by coffee growers for several decades.

Vaidehi selected for Nrupatunga Sahitya Prashasti for 2022

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The Kannada Sahitya Parishat has unanimously selected veteran writer Vaidehi for its prestigious Nrupatunga Sahitya Prashasti for 2022.

One of the leading writers of Kannada, Ms. Vaidehi is engaged in writing short stories, poetry, novels, children's literature, essays, and so on. She is the second woman to be selected for this award after Sara Aboobacker.

Parishat president Mahesh Joshi in a release said the literary award included a purse of ₹7 lakh, a memento, a citation, and a shawl.

He said the award is given considering the writer's overall contribution to Kannada literature.

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Siberian Husky Zaira chills at her new Munnar home

Dhinesh Kallungal
THIRUVANANTHAPURAM

"If Zaira is asked to choose between Ukraine and Munnar, no doubt she would now choose Munnar," says Arya Aldrin, a medical student who fled the war zone with her pet Siberian Husky in tow in 2022.

As the war grinds on into its second year, Zaira has become a local celebrity of sorts. Her owner says Munnar is ideal for the dog breed used to temperate climes.

Zaira was a six-month-old puppy when Arya brought her to Kerala aboard an evacuation flight from the Romanian capital Bucharest. The verdant Letchmi Estate where Arya lives is now Zaira's playground.

"The dog has perfectly adapted to Indian conditions. Unlike pedigree puppies, Zaira eats normal rice and sliced cool-season vegetables such as carrot and cabbage. However, we used to give pet food once a day, but smashed pumpkin is her favourite along with sliced watermelon. No major health issues have been noticed so far and the dog is a close companion of family members," says Arya.

At home: Arya Aldrin with the Siberian Husky Zaira that she brought from Ukraine last year. SPECIAL AARANGEMENT

As Arya has plans to return to Ukraine to continue her medical education, she applied for a Polish visa recently. However, she has no plans to risk taking Zaira back to Europe.

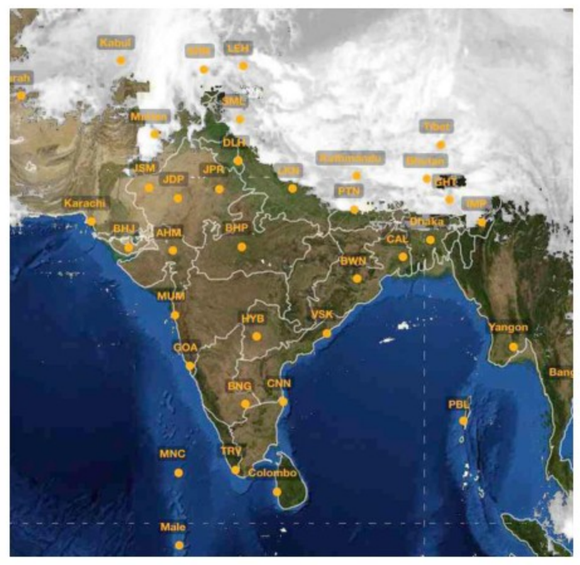
"My mother has been taking care of Zaira when I went for an eight-month observation training at a hospital. So I am not worried about leaving her behind here," says Arya.

"Imported pets usually face issues such as degenerating joint diseases or low reproduction compared to local varieties. But in the case of the husky brought to Munnar, there may not be any such issues as the climate is somewhat similar to Ukraine. Moreover, the unconditional love extended to a pet by its master is enough for it to overcome the impediments," says M.K. Narayanan, Director of Entrepreneurship, Kerala Veterinary and Animal Sciences University.

"Moreover, since animals in combat zones will have to bear the brunt of battles more severely than humans and considering the stress and strain they undergo, these pets will have a strong survival instinct than others," says Mr. Narayanan.

WEATHERWATCH

Rainfall, temperature & air quality in select metros yesterday



TEMPERATURE DATA: IMD, POLLUTION DATA: CPCB, MAP: INSAT/IMD (TAKEN AT 18.00 HRS)

Forecast for Sunday: Dense fog likely in isolated pockets over Odisha

CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN	CITY	RAIN	MAX	MIN
Agartala	—	31.4	18.5	Kozhikode	—	34.5	24.2
Ahmedabad	—	35.7	15.1	Kurnool	—	38.2	21.7
Aizawl	—	31.5	14.5	Lucknow	—	31.0	12.8
Allahabad	—	33.4	13.0	Madurai	—	36.4	21.5
Bengaluru	—	33.2	15.6	Mangaluru	—	34.5	22.4
Bhopal	—	—	13.4	Mumbai	—	35.5	20.4
Bhubaneswar	—	35.2	22.9	Mysuru	—	32.1	13.2
Chandigarh	—	30.7	12.0	New Delhi	—	30.8	10.4
Chennai	—	33.5	20.5	Patna	—	31.0	13.4
Coimbatore	—	35.0	20.4	Port Blair	—	31.0	22.1
Dehradun	—	29.3	11.6	Puducherry	—	32.7	18.9
Gangtok	3	14.6	10.8	Pune	—	35.0	16.5
Goa	—	33.5	22.0	Raipur	—	35.2	19.5
Guwahati	—	29.4	16.5	Ranchi	—	30.7	14.6
Hubballi	—	35.0	20.0	Shillong	—	21.4	9.5
Hyderabad	—	35.6	18.9	Shimla	—	19.6	7.8
Imphal	—	28.8	11.5	Srinagar	—	18.8	1.6
Jaipur	—	31.6	16.1	Thiruvananthapuram	—	33.8	23.2
Kochi	—	31.8	24.4	Tiruchi	—	34.7	20.6
Kohima	—	20.0	9.6	Vijayawada	—	34.8	21.4
Kolkata	—	32.4	23.3	Visakhapatnam	—	32.0	23.6

(Rainfall data in mm; temperature in Celsius)

Pollutants in the air you are breathing

CITIES	SO_2	NO_2	CO	PM2.5	PM10	CODE
Ahmedabad	.15	...3	..—	...276	...209	
Bengaluru	...7	..28	.20	84	89	
Chennai	.21	..28	.43	...130	97	
Delhi	.20	..80	.35	...346	...266	
Hyderabad	...6	..47	.41	...160	...153	
Kolkata	.10	..37	.68	...125	...113	
Lucknow	.12	..33	106	...197	...162	
Mumbai	.19	..57	.74	...343	...234	
Pune	..—	..28	.64	...186	...126	
Visakhapatnam	...8	..41	.26	...104	...128	

Yesterday

In observation made at 4.00 p.m., Begusarai, Bihar recorded an overall air quality index (AQI) score of 329 indicating an unhealthy level of pollution. In contrast, Nandesari, Gujarat recorded a healthy AQI score of 30

Air Quality Code: Poor Moderate Good (Readings indicate average AQI)

SO_2: Sulphur Dioxide. Short-term exposure can harm the respiratory system, making breathing difficult. It can affect visibility by reacting with other air particles to form haze and stain culturally important objects such as statues and monuments.

NO_2: Nitrogen Dioxide. Aggravates respiratory illness, causes haze to form by reacting with other air particles, causes acid rain, pollutes coastal waters.

CO: Carbon monoxide. High concentration in air reduces oxygen supply to critical organs like the heart and brain. At very high levels, it can cause dizziness, confusion, unconsciousness and even death.

PM2.5 & PM10: Particulate matter pollution can cause irritation of the eyes, nose and throat, coughing, chest tightness and shortness of breath, reduced lung function, irregular heartbeat, asthma attacks, heart attacks and premature death in people with heart or lung disease

Personal assistant of MLC unearths stolen car sale racket

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

An alert PA of an MLC on Saturday busted a stolen car sale racket using genuine registration number plates.

The incident came to light when the personal assistant of MLC Bhojegowda, while walking towards the KPCC office on Queen's Road, noticed an SUV belonging to Mr. Bhojegowda. He checked the registration plate and the make of the car and confirmed that the vehicle belonged to the MLC. He went inside the car showroom and inquired about the car. The shop owner, identified as Imran, showed him the paper which surprisingly had the name Bhojegowda. Shocked, the PA called the MLC to confirm, but he denied. He alerted the High Grounds police who seized the car and detained Imran for further investigations.

Imran told the police that he was dealing with second hand cars and someone had handed him the car and the documents asking him to sell it.

The High grounds police traced Shabaz Khan and Manjunath from Mysuru who had given the car to Imran. When questioned, the duo said they are brokers who got the car from another person.

It may be recalled that Pulakeshinagar police had arrested a car thief who used to Jack cars from metro cities across the country and create fake documents and sell it to second hand car dealers .

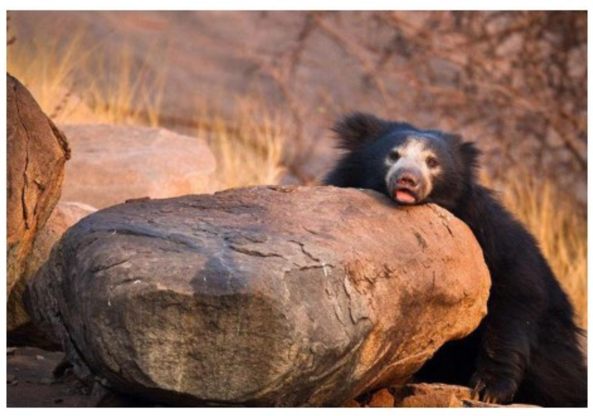
'Minimising human disturbance crucial to protecting bears'

Study combined the results of indirect sign surveys with information on bear attacks on people gathered through interview surveys of local communities

Hemanth C.S.
BENGALURU

A new study has found that maintaining forest cover and preventing fragmentation of habitats while minimising human disturbance is crucial for long-term conservation of bears outside protected wildlife reserves across India.

Scientists from Bengaluru-based Centre for Wildlife Studies, the National Centre for Biological Sciences (NCBS)-Tata Institute of Fundamental Research (TIFR), and the University of Florida studied sloth bears in a forest corridor of Madhya Pradesh. They have published their findings in their latest paper titled 'Safe space in the woods: Mechanistic spatial models for predicting risks of human-bear conflicts in India' in the journal *Biotropica*.



Researchers conducted indirect sign surveys to understand where sloth bears are found and why. PHOTO COURTESY: K.M. PRAJWAL

The corridor connecting Kanha and Pench Tiger Reserves is among the most important landscapes in India, supporting several threatened species of wildlife and over 350,000 people.

In the recent study, researchers conducted indirect sign surveys (documenting pugmarks and faeces) to understand where sloth bears are found and why.

They combined these results with information on bear attacks on people, gathered through interview surveys of local communities.

"The Kanha-Pench landscape is also home to several other threatened species, including sloth bears, that frequently come into conflict with people. Their conservation requires active management by taking into account human safety," Mahi Puri, lead author of the study, said.

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From Page One

Ayodhya mosque, an unfinished tale

The zero-carbon-footprint design is by Prof. S.M. Akhtar, the founder dean of the faculty of architecture and ekistics at the Jamia Millia Islamia University, Delhi.

The trust submitted the design plans to the Ayodhya Development Authority (ADA), along with the required fees. Members waited for months, only to be told that the submissions had to be done online. "We applied online as well but then got to know that we needed to get no-objection certificates (NOC) from various departments for final approval of the design. This entire process took over a year," said the member. The mosque committee managed most of the NOCs, but the fire department refused to issue one, saying the road outside should be at least 12 metres wide.

Arshad Afzaal Khan, a trustee of IICF based in Ayodhya, decided to double his efforts. After work, Mr. Khan, in his late 40s, would go to the mosque site daily, travelling almost 50 km. He'd visit the ADA office, DM's office, and other departments to get the paperwork done. Mr. Khan requested the ADA to widen the roads, but as this was being considered, another hurdle came up.

"Over five months ago, I was told that no construction can happen on the plot because it's agricultural land. So, the ADA had to change the land use. For this, we have written to the ADA as well as the State government, but the situation is still the same," Athar Husain Siddiqui, secretary, IICF, told *The Hindu*.

ADA secretary Satyendra Singh denied any administrative hurdle in the construction, but termed the delay "due process". "We have got all permissions from the government. The matter will be presented before the ADA board meeting, which may happen in the next fortnight. Everything will be cleared in the meeting," he added.

The mosque, like the temple, is being crowdfunded. So far, the IICF has received donations of ₹40 lakh from across India. The members of the mosque trust say the first donation they got was from a Hindu. "We want to build this mosque to send across a message of peace," Mr. Husain said.

'Retaking public spaces is a pressing need'

"The act of literature emerges from an intellectual and cultural world that is full of contradiction and is always in a flux," Justice Kaul said, adding that resistant voices and activities always existed even within hegemonic ideological currents.

"Writers such as Mr. Murugan had the capability to mould a new human reality from the clay, to reshape human society in their own image, chipping away the existing social structure bit by bit," he said, adding that academics recognised this self-fashioning function of literature. Drawing parallels between the work of writers and judges, he said it was hard to deny that judges too sought to fashion, in their own small way, the great mass of humanity they encountered in their courtrooms. He noted that when it came to understanding the world, there was no better tool than literature, which celebrated multiplicity and diversity.

Nirmala Lakshman, Director, The Hindu Lit for Life, said that coming from an independent media house, the festival's cornerstone was its firm commitment to the freedom of expression. The festival, while mirroring the values of *The Hindu*, went one step further by actively engaging with people directly, she said.

N. Ravi, Chairperson, Kasturi and Sons, traced *The Hindu's* engagement with books and highlighted how the paper was reviewing books as far back as 1889. He expressed concern over the import duty levied on books in India since 2019, departing from the earlier tradition of not levying taxes on books as it was considered to be taxing knowledge.

Highlighting the tremendous pressures being put on freedom of speech, expression and creative work, N. Ram, Director, The Hindu Publishing Group, spoke on the dangerous repercussions of the amendments proposed by the government to the IT (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules, 2021.

Suresh Nambath, Editor, *The Hindu*, said, "While the literature festival is happy to return to its physical form, its distinctive character is not the physical space it provides for participants, but the intellectual that it lays open."

Willing to join peace bid to end Ukraine war: PM

"The war in Ukraine began a year ago. It has led to immense losses, destroyed railway lines, energy connections.It is a major catastrophe but above all, it is a major disaster because this war violates fundamental principles to which we all agree – that you do not change borders through use of violence. Thus, it is important that in the UN too, we time and again state very clearly where we stand in this matter," he said.

The German Chancellor's comment on taking position on Ukraine, which came two days after India once again abstained from voting on a Ukraine-related resolution in the UN, indicated that Delhi, despite growing Western pressure, remains neutral between Russia and Ukraine.

The difference was visible also in Bengaluru, where G-20 Finance Ministers were sharply divided over the Ukraine crisis, with U.S. and European Ministers attacking the Russian officials present at the meeting for being "complicit in the war".

Strawberry farming making waves in tribal land of Odisha

Satyasundar Barik
BHUBANESWAR

The rugged Sunabeda plateau, 3,000 feet above sea level, along the Odisha-Chhattisgarh boundary, has always been a difficult terrain to traverse, but for Yuvraj Chhatria, it is just a part of his journey. The 30-km ride from the top of the plateau to the plains in Nuapada district of Odisha and the subsequent gruelling 550-km bus journey down the bumpy roads to Bhubaneswar would leave anyone exhausted.

Mr. Chhatria, a member of the Chuktia Bhunjia tribe, one of the particularly vulnerable tribal groups (PVTGs), has brought with him a fresh harvest of strawberries, and the fruit is selling out. He counts his cash in hand – at ₹37,500 for 1.5 quintals, this is the highest single-day profit he has ever made.

The strawberry harvest has triggered a celebration in the houses of 10 farmers who live in one of the 56 villages in the tropical deciduous forest of the Sunabeda Wildlife Sanctuary. The farmers, who from April to October plant paddy, were initiated into strawberry cultivation in November 2022.

"I had never heard about strawberries before. The government officers persuaded us to take up this new kind of farming. It provided saplings and financial aid to dig a borewell," says Mr. Chhatria, adding that each family has been given 10 acres, and 20,000 saplings planted on each acre. The horticulture department was roped in for mulching and drip irrigation. Farmers took loans from women's self-help groups (SHGs) to fund the labour component. Mr. Chhatria took a loan of ₹2 lakh.

Toiling hard: Women from a tribal community working on a strawberry farm in Sunabeda. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Tribe's triumph

Most people in Sunabeda are from the Chuktia Bhunjia tribe. They were given the requisite training by the Nuapada district administration and the Chuktia Bhunjia Development Agency (CBDA), set up in 1994-95 by the State government to work for the development of the tribe.

"A CBDA team had gone to Mahabaleshwar in Maharashtra, which accounts for 80% of India's strawberry production. We found that the altitude and climate there are similar to that of Sunabeda. The soil quality of Sunabeda is better," says CBDA Special Officer Himansu Mohapatra. He adds the saplings were sourced from Mahabaleshwar. In winter, the maximum daytime temperature of Sunabeda remains at around 25 degree Celsius and at night it drops to 10 degrees Celsius.

Farmers Kaliram Suanr and his wife, Gangabai, are able to pick more than 45 kg of strawberries daily. Women work the land and tend to the plants, and are involved from irrigation to harvest. "In mid-December 2022, when the first strawberry turned red, we were delighted. We first offered it to our deity *Maa Sunadei*," says Ms. Suanr.

Marketing strategy

This is not the first time strawberry farming has been experimented within Odisha. The practice had a fair bit of success when it was introduced in 2021 in the Kotia gram panchayat in Koraput district, situated at a similar altitude to Sunabeda, and with a similar climate. The area, the jurisdiction of which is claimed by both the Odisha and Andhra Pradesh governments, has seen a huge inflow of government funds over the last four years. Now, the cultivation has spread to 20 acres with seven SHGs involved.

In Daringbadi of Kandhamal district, a farmer was persuaded to take up strawberry farming. Kailash Dandapat, who works with Jagruti, a not-for-profit organisation, says, "The fruit was introduced in Daringbadi in two acres of land in 2022. As the place attracts tourists from all over the State and outside, the strawberries found their customers easily. The cultivator has already earned a profit of ₹1 lakh."

3 policemen die in Maoist encounter in Chhattisgarh

The Hindu Bureau
RAIPUR

Three police personnel, including an assistant sub-inspector (ASI), were killed on Saturday in an encounter with suspected Maoists in Sukma of Chhattisgarh, nearly 400 km from State capital Raipur.

The latest incident takes the number of police personnel who have been killed by Maoists in Chhattisgarh this week to six. The deceased were members of the District Reserve Group, a locally raised counter-insurgency force in Bastar. The alleged encounter between the police and the Maoists took place around 9 a.m. at a forest between Jagargunda and Kunded in Sukma and lasted for nearly an hour, said Inspector-General of Police (Bastar) P. Sundarraj.

Chief Minister Bhupesh Baghel expressed condolence over the deaths.

Minister Pramanik's convoy attacked in Cooch Behar

Union Minister of State for Home has claimed that bullets were fired and bombs were hurled at his vehicle; Trinamool has denied the allegations; BJP leaders meet Governor Ananda Bose

Shiv Sahay Singh
KOLKATA

The convoy of Union Minister of State for Home Nisith Pramanik on Saturday came under attack in West Bengal's Cooch Behar allegedly by supporters of the Trinamool Congress.

Mr. Pramanik is the MP for Cooch Behar and tensions have been brewing in the district with the Trinamool Congress organising a sit-in outside the BJP leader's residence almost a week ago. The Trinamool supporters showed black flags to the BJP MP following which clashes broke out between supporters of the parties.

Mr. Pramanik said that not only was his convoy pelted with stones but bullets were fired and bombs were hurled. The Trinamool Congress denied any involvement in the attack.

Violence erupted: Union Minister Nisith Pramanik's convoy was attacked in Cooch Behar on Saturday. PTI

"The attack on me by the Trinamool goons is an attack on democracy. The entire nation is watching how democracy is being crippled by TMC sponsored & supported terrorism. It is a proof of the complete failure of law and order in the state of West Bengal. Shame!," Mr. Pramanik said on Twitter.

When stones were thrown on the Minister's convoy, his security personnel tried to protect him by making a security cover around him. Videos aired by television channels showed police personnel resorting to baton charge after the supporters of the BJP and the Trinamool clashed.

Trinamool Congress spokesperson Kunal Ghosh denied any involvement of his party supporters in the attack on the Minister's convoy, but accused the BJP leadership of "instigating" its workers to disrupt the "peaceful atmosphere of the State".

Several BJP leaders, including its State chief Sukanta Majumdar and Leader of the Opposition (LoP) Suvendu Adhikari, condemned the attack on Mr. Pramanik. Mr. Adhikari, who met Governor C.V. Ananda Bose, during the day said he raised the issue with the Governor. "The incident speaks volumes about the law and order deterioration in the State," Mr. Adhikari said.

Hari Balakrishnan

Scientist Hari Balakrishnan wins 2023 Marconi Prize

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Computer scientist Hari Balakrishnan has been awarded the 2023 Marconi Prize. Dr. Balakrishnan is a Professor in the Department of Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT). The Marconi Prize is a top honour for computer scientists and is awarded by the U.S.-based Marconi Foundation. It is given to those "who have made a significant contribution to increasing digital inclusivity through advanced information and communications technology." Dr. Balakrishnan has been cited "for fundamental contributions to wired and wireless networking, mobile sensing, and distributed systems". He graduated with a computer science B.Tech from IIT Madras in 1993 and received his Ph.D from the University of California, Berkeley, in 1998. "He has made significant contributions to network congestion control, overlay and peer-to-peer networks, robust routing, and Internet architecture," an MIT statement said.

Previous winners of the award include Sir Tim Berners-Lee, Google co-founder Sergey Brin and sci-fi author Arthur C. Clarke.

Education should be industry-oriented, practical, says Modi

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Narendra Modi

The new National Education Policy (NEP-2020) has reoriented education and skilling according to the aptitude of youngsters, Prime Minister Narendra Modi said on Saturday, emphasising the need to have an "industry-oriented" education system to meet the growing demand for a skilled workforce as India is emerging as a global manufacturing hub.

"Our education system should be practical, industry oriented... the Budget has laid the foundation for it. Over the years, our education sector has been a victim of rigidity. We reoriented education and skilling according to the aptitude of the youth and the demands of the coming times," he said while addressing a post-Budget webinar on 'Harnessing Youth Power – Skilling and Education'.

It was the third in a series of 12 post-Budget webinars organised to seek ideas and suggestions for the effective implementation of the initiatives announced in the Union Budget. Mr. Modi emphasised that India is following the global trend of "on-the-job learning", with special focus on providing internships and apprenticeships to ensure "outside-the-classroom exposure" for youngsters. "Today, there are about 75,000 employers on the National Internship Portal, where the requirements for 25 lakh internships have been posted so far," he informed. He urged the industry and educational institutions to make maximum use of the portal and further expand the culture of internship.

He expressed the belief that apprenticeships will make the country's youngsters future-ready and help the industries identify the workforce with the right skills. Talking about the Budget, Mr. Modi highlighted the provision for a stipend that has been made available for about 50 lakh youngsters under the National Apprenticeship Promotion scheme.

Congress eyes comeback in Meghalaya, Nagaland as it bets on 'confusion' among voters

Rahul Karmakar
GUWAHATI

Once the party to beat in Northeast India, the Congress is eyeing a comeback in Meghalaya and Nagaland. Elections to the 60-member Assemblies in these two States will be held on Monday.

The grand old party was the single-largest in the 2018 Meghalaya polls with 21 seats. However, all its MLAs defected to the Trinamool Congress and other political parties well ahead of the 2023 election.

The setback, however, did not prevent the Congress from fielding candidates in all the 60 constituencies in Meghalaya. The BJP is the only other party to contest 60 seats.

Congress State president and Lok Sabha member Vincent H. Pala said the loss of several veterans was a blessing in disguise. "It gave us the opportunity to rebuild our house and put up fresh candidates without any baggage of the past. We hope the people would repose their faith in a new set of Congress leaders," he said.

Of the 60 candidates, 47 are below the age of 45. A majority of these candidates have strong academic and professional backgrounds. Mr. Pala is contesting from the Sutnga Saipung constituency.

Fighting back: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi being felicitated during a public meeting in Shillong on February 22. PTI

The party also hopes to make the most of the "confusion" among the voters to choose from four or more parties in at least 40 seats. "Congress is a name that still registers with many people, who may not connect with new parties," a Congress leader from South Garo Hills district said. The Congress ruled Meghalaya in coalition with smaller parties for almost 28 years, which is twice the period it ruled in Nagaland.

The party had a similar fate in Nagaland exactly two decades ago. It emerged as the single-largest party in 2003 with 21 seats but the Naga People's Front (NPF) with 19 seats cobbled up an alliance with the BJP and other parties to form the government. The Congress received a jolt in 2015 when its eight MLAs joined the NPF-BJP alliance much to the annoyance of its central leadership. The party struggled to find candidates for the 2018 polls and 15 candidates lost their deposits.

The struggle was marginally less this time. It fielded 25 candidates, but two of them withdrew. The withdrawal of the candidate from Akuluto helped the BJP's Kazheto Kimini win unopposed. Nagaland Congress chief Kewekhape Therie put up a brave face. "We hope to put up a strong fight," he said.

IAF team, LCA arrive in UAE for exercise

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

Five indigenous Light Combat Aircraft (LCA) along with a contingent of 110 Indian Air Force (IAF) personnel arrived at Al Dahfra airbase of the UAE for participating in the multilateral Exercise Desert Flag VIII. For the first time LCA Tejas would be participating in an international flying exercise outside India. "The IAF would be participating with five LCA Tejas and two C-17 Globemaster III aircraft," the IAF said.

Congress expands CWC, adds reservation

The Hindu Bureau
RAIPUR

To reflect the changing social and political realities of India, the Congress on Saturday announced the amendment of the party constitution to provide for 50% reservation for Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, minorities and women in the Congress Working Committee, its highest decision-making body.

The CWC has also been expanded to increase the number of core CWC members from 23 to 35. Earlier, while there were 12 elected members, now there will be provision for 18 elected members.

Several other additions such as creation of a separate transgender category in the membership form, completely digital format to enrol new members from January 1, 2025, and provisions for online donations have also been adopted.

Congress is willing to forge alliances with like-minded parties: Kharge

There is an urgent need for a united Opposition to take on the NDA on common ideological grounds. Emergence of any third force will provide advantage to the BJP-led NDA, the resolution adopted at the 85th Plenary session of Congress reads

Sandeep Phukan
NAVA RAIPUR

There is an urgent need to have a united Opposition and the emergence of a third front will help the BJP and National Democratic Alliance (NDA), the Congress said in the political resolution that was adopted at the 85th Plenary session of the party.

Stating that the Congress should go all out to "identify, mobilise and align like-minded secular forces", the resolution read, "There is an urgent need for a united Opposition to take on the NDA on common ideological grounds. Emergence of any third force will provide advantage to the BJP/NDA".

In his opening address at the plenary on Saturday, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge also stressed that his party was the only one that can provide an alternative and decisive leadership under the prevailing circumstances.

Mallikarjun Kharge with Sonia Gandhi during the 85th Plenary Session of the Indian National Congress, in Raipur on Saturday. PTI

Noting that the Congress effectively led a coalition between 2004 and 2014, Mr. Kharge said, "We once again look forward to forging a viable alternative by aligning with like-minded parties to defeat the anti-people and undemocratic BJP government".

The Congress's position on alliances is significant in the wake of a bitter exchange with the Trinamool Congress during the Meghalaya Assembly election campaign and ongoing efforts by parties such as Bharat Rashtra Samithi (earlier Telangana Rashtra Samithi) to forge an alternative Opposition front without the grand old party.

The Congress chief accused the BJP of "breaking parliamentary and constitutional traditions" and "misusing" agencies.

He claimed that the plenary session was also targeted with ED raids in Chhattisgarh but Congress leaders including CM Bhupesh Baghel fought bravely to ensure that the session could be held. "Our aim is to stop the use of money power, muscle power and the misuse of government agencies in toppling governments," he said.

Other key points

Mr. Kharge also said the party will make efforts to rid the country of the "prevailing environment of hate" and spread harmony.

In fact, many of the points raised in the Congress president's speech were a reflection of the nine-page political resolution that had as many as 56 points: from "misuse of central agencies like ED, CBI and I-T to regular attacks on the judiciary led by the Law Minister".

While the Congress resolution talked about restoring statehood for Jammu and Kashmir (J&K) and bringing Ladakh under the Sixth Schedule of the Constitution, the party chose to be silent on the abrogation of Article 370 that gave special status to J&K.

The key promises in the resolution included a proposed law against hate crimes, an anti-discrimination law to prohibit discrimination on the basis of religion, caste, gender or language, reform in electoral funding by setting up a National Election Fund, doubling the total health expenditure and reintroducing a law for time-bound disposal of public grievances.

Sonia mounts a scathing attack on Modi government

Sandeep Phukan
RAIPUR

Congress was a vehicle for people to fight for liberty, equality, and justice, Congress leader says

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the BJP-RSS has relentlessly captured every single institution and has silenced any voice of opposition, former Congress chief Sonia Gandhi said at Congress' 85th plenary on Saturday.

Ms. Gandhi also noted that it is gratifying to note that her innings concluded with the Bharat Jodo Yatra that has come as a 'turning point'.

"Over these twenty-five years, our party has seen times of high achievement as well as deep disappointment. The support, goodwill and understanding of each one of you has given us strength What gratifies me most is that my innings could conclude with the Bharat Jodo Yatra," she said.

While some interpreted this remark as an indication of her impending retirement from politics, a senior leader told *The Hindu* that the reference is to her innings at the party chief.

In an all-out attack on the BJP government, Ms. Gandhi accused it of "fuelling the fire of hatred" and "viciously targeting minorities, women, Dalits and tribals".

And in a veiled attack on Mr. Modi over a controversy involving industrialist Gautam Adani, the former Congress chief said that the Modi government caused economic ruin by favouring a particular businessman.

Ms. Gandhi said the Congress was not just a political party but a vehicle for people to fight for liberty, equality, fraternity and justice.

Job creation ranks first in Congress resolution

Shubhomoy Sikdar
RAIPUR

The Congress, terming employment generation as the core and foundation of its draft economic resolution, says that India's "new economic vision and action will be recrafted from the current obsession with capital and move more towards labour".

The economic resolution as well as the international resolution – the draft for which expresses deep concern over the prevailing border situation along China – will be two of the resolutions adopted by the party in its ongoing 85th plenary session in Raipur.

Serious deliberation: The 85th plenary session of the Congress under way in Raipur on Saturday. ANI

Presenting the economic resolution, former Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Kamal Nath also identified unemployment as the biggest challenge before India and said that social harmony was a prerequisite for employment creation through foreign investment.

While the draft resolution credits the government led by the party for heralding a new beginning by liberalising the economy in 1991, it adds that the "time has now come for India to re-evaluate and reprioritize its economic development roadmap in the backdrop of the twin attack on our economy, namely increasing unemployment and inequality".

On employment avenues, the draft talks about State-led initiatives such as an urban NREGA similar to the MNREGA, generous loans to self-help groups to create "thousands of jobs" and "repeats the party's commitment to fill all vacancies in government and semi-government bodies. But it also acknowledges that the private sector will be the "biggest and the best creator of jobs".

While on the one hand, the draft says that it will remove "all unjustified fiscal restrictions" such as reducing the borrowing limit, the party has also expressed concerns about the growing outstanding internal and external debt and other liabilities of the Government of India.

Congress attacks BJP, AAP over Punjab police station attack

The Hindu Bureau
NAVA RAIPUR

The Congress on Saturday blamed both the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) - which rule at the Centre and Punjab, respectively - for mishandling the law and order situation emerging from the threat posed by radical self-styled preacher Amritpal Singh in the northern State.

The Congress's reaction came after armed supporters of Singh – who is often described as a Khalistan sympathiser – broke though barricades and stormed into a police station complex in Ajnala on Thursday.

Addressing a press conference on the sidelines of the party's 85th plenary session here, Leader of the Opposition in the Punjab Assembly Partap Singh Bajwa slammed Punjab Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann for his silence and Centre for not stepping in when a police station was attacked in a crucial border State like Punjab.

At one point, the party also accused the BJP and AAP of colluding.

He also termed the storming of Ajnala police station by Mr. Amritpal's supporters as a failure of the Central agencies and the Intelligence Bureau (IB), and the Border Security Force (BSF).

Amarinder Singh Raja Warring, Punjab Congress president, further alleged that the Centre wanted that Punjab's situation to deteriorate further so that it was able to establish its rule there and it is able to establish itself dominantly.

Adityanath, Akhilesh trade barbs in U.P. Assembly

The Hindu Bureau
LUCKNOW

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath lashed out at Samajwadi Party president Akhilesh Yadav in the State Assembly on Saturday.

Mr. Yadav grilled the State over the killing of a witness in BSP MLA Raju Pal's murder case. To this, Mr. Adityanath said, "You [Mr. Yadav] should be ashamed for failing to respect your father." He alleged criminals involved in such acts were groomed by SP.

Pleas against ED chief term extension personal: govt.

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The Centre on Saturday alleged in the Supreme Court that the real purpose of the petitions challenging the third extension in tenure given to ED Director Sanjay Kumar Mishra is to question and scuttle the legitimate statutory investigation being carried out against certain Congress party leaders.

The government said the petitions have been filed on the basis of personal motive and oblique interest.

KERALA WATER AUTHORITY e-Tender Notice

Tender No: WRD/KWA-CE(SR)/TR/7902/2022_5_2_1/1, **Jal Jeevan Mission (JJM)** - 2022-23 - CWSS to 13 Panchayaths based on Malankara Reservoir - (Package-I) - (1) Design, and construction of 45 MLD Water Treatment Plant (Lamellar type), (2) 2 LL OHSR, Clear Water Sump etc at Neeloor; (3) Supplying & Laying Balance RWPM from Pothichottupara to WTP at Neeloor; (4)Supplying and Laying 150mm DI K9 Pumping main from WTP at Neeloor to GLSR at Njallikunnu; (5) Supplying and Laying 450mm/350mm/200mm DI K9 Pumping lines from WTP; (6) Supplying and Laying 700 mm DI K9 Gravity Main from WTP to Sump cum Pump house at Vettipparambu. Package-II - General Civil Work, **EMD:** Rs. 5,00,000/-, **Tender Fee:** Rs. 16540+(2978)GST, **Last Date for submitting Tender:** 25-03-2023 03:00 pm, **Phone:** 0481 2562745. Website: **www.kwa.kerala.gov.in, www.etenders.kerala.gov.in**
KWA-JB-GL-6-1699-2022-23 **Superintending Engineer, PH Circle, Kottayam**

OFFICE OF THE KAKATIYA URBAN DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY; WARANGAL
H.No.6-1-240, KUDA Road, Hanumakonda.
Roc.No.C3/575/2022 **EXPRESSION OF INTEREST** Dt. 22.02.2023
KUDA invite for appointment of Consultant for development of **Integrated Bus Terminal-cum- Commercial Complex** in the existing Warangal Bus Station over an extent of 3½ acres. The RFP document can be downloaded from **www.eprocurement.telangana.gov.in.** from **28-02-2023.** The interested eligible consultants shall submit their proposals on or before **1.00 pm, 07-03-2023.** Other details provided in the RFP document. **Sd/- Vice Chairman**
R.O. No.: 1321-PP/CL-AGENCY/ADVT/1/2022-23 **KUDA**

GOVERNMENT OF RAJASTHAN
OFFICE OF THE SUPERINTENDING ENGINEER AND PROJECT MANAGER
Watershed Cell cum Data Centre Jodhpur
S. No. F()/WDSC/PMKSY 2.0/Bids/2022-23/6499 **Date : 17.02.23**
BID CORRIGENDUM NO.-1
In reference to this office's Notice Inviting Bid, issued vide NIB No.- 01/2022-23, Construction of various watershed development structures under PMKSY 2.0 Projects, Abridged NIB, Bid Document at Page No. 07, 22.02.2023, 06.00 PM shall be read as 26.02.2023, 6.00 PM for bids carrying UBN No. WSC2223WSOB00559, WSC2223WSOB00561, WSC2223WSOB00563, WSC2223WSOB00566, WSC2223WSOB00568, WSC2223WSOB00569, WSC2223WSOB00570 and WSC2223WSOB00571. Rest terms and conditions of the bids shall remain unchanged.
Superintending Engineer and Project Manager
DIPR/C/2962 **Watershed Cell cum Data Centre Jodhpur**

BRUHAT BENGALURU MAHANAGARA PALIKE
Office of the Chief Engineer, Solid Waste Management, 4th Floor, Annexe-3 Building, BBMP Head Office, N.R. Square, Bengaluru-560002
NOTIFICATION
Invitation for Demo of Innovative Equipment for Street Sweeping and Footpath Cleaning
Venue: Dr. Rajkumar Glass House, BBMP Head Quarters, N.R. Square, Bengaluru. **Date: 02.03.2023 (Thursday) at 9:00 am to 4:00 pm**
BBMP is maintaining cleanliness of nearly 13,000 kms of streets most of them on daily basis. The street sweeping activity is mainly done by Poura Sevakaru/ Pourakarmikas. BBMP intends to reduce effort & increase the efficiency of street sweeping pourakarmikas by providing better equipments with ease of operation & maintenance involving new innovative ideas & technologies.
BBMP wants to purchase such innovative street sweeping machines and footpaths cleaning equipments. It should be ergonomically designed for our pourakarmikas and must effectively demonstrate cleanliness and ease of use.
The proposed equipment should be capable of cleaning streets and footpaths in a cost-effective and efficient manner, while minimizing the need for human labour. The equipment can be able to operate autonomously or with minimal human intervention, and can be equipped with sensors and other advanced technologies to ensure optimal performance. The demo may also include street sweeping waste handling/carrying equipments/ carts/ wheely bins with minimum 2 compartments, smart ergonomically designed litter, grass & weed cutting machines.
In addition, the equipment should be environmentally friendly, with low emissions and noise levels, and should be able to operate in all weather conditions.
The demo is a great opportunity for Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) and suppliers to showcase their innovative and advanced technology in street sweeping and foot path cleaning. Our team of experts will be present to evaluate the performance, efficiency, and overall effectiveness of the equipment. We will also assess the equipment's ease of use, maintenance requirements, and safety features.
We encourage all Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) and suppliers to come prepared with detailed specifications, user manuals, and pricing information. We will provide a suitable area for the demonstration, including access to power outlets and water supply, as needed. Additionally, we request that all Original Equipment Manufacturers (OEMs) and suppliers comply with the necessary health and safety regulations during the demo.
OEMs / Suppliers should register themselves by sending email to **ee3swmbbmp@gmail.com** on or before **01.03.2023, 4:00 pm.** Who in turn will be provided with registration ID before **01.03.2023, 5:30 pm** for demo on **02.03.2023**.
The registration request mail should include name of the OEM, contact details including address of supplier/OEM, mobile number, email id, type of equipments being proposed for demo. Company registration certificates/ Brochures/ quality certificates like ISO etc.
Earlier supply orders & work done/performance certificates if any(optional).
For further information, pls. contact Nodal Officer :
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Smt. Deepthi Mob. No. +917411561086
Sd/- Chief Engineer
Solid Waste Management, BBMP

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- Candidates who have completed their Post graduation and those awaiting PG final semester results can also apply.
- Applications from eligible candidates employed in Industries / Firms / Institutions are also invited.
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- The candidates should submit the hard copy of applications on or before **27.03.2023**. Applications submitted after the due date will be summarily rejected.

DIPR/180/Display/2023 **REGISTRAR (i/c)**
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GOVERNMENT OF HIMACHAL PRADESH
HIMACHAL PRADESH STATE ROADS TRANSFORMATION PROJECT (HPSRTP)
Request for Bids (RFB)
Name of Project: Himachal Pradesh State Roads Transformation Project (HPSRTP)
Loan No./Credit No. 9066-IN
Grant No:
Date: **February 25, 2023**
The Director (Projects)-cum-CE, H.P. State Roads Project, HPRIDCL, Nigam Vihar, Shimla-171002, Himachal Pradesh India invites Request for Bids from National Suppliers for the Goods Procurement as detailed in the table below: -

Sr. No.	Description of the goods procurement	Date of availability of Request for Bids on HPRIDCL web site	Last date & time for submission/ opening of Proposals
1.	**Procurement of Wrecker Vehicles to Support Rescue & Emergency Response Operations of HP Police in Shimla & Nurpur Police Districts.**	**February 25, 2023**	**March 17, 2023 at 15:00/ 15:30 hours (IST)**

Request for Bids (RFB) will be available on the official web site of HPRIDCL under link http://himachalservices.nic.in/hpridc/HPSRTP.html.
Note: - Any further addendum/Corrigendum to this Request for Bids Document shall be available to all interesting firms on the same web site link. Proposal must be delivered in a written form to the address below (in person, or by post) by **March 17, 2023 at 15:00 hours (IST)** positively.
Director (Projects)-cum-CE,
H.P. State Roads Project,
HP / 0849/2022-2023 **HPRIDCL, Nigam Vihar, Shimla-171002**

GOVERNMENT OF WEST BENGAL
WRI & DD e-NIT
Executive Engineer, DPMU, Jhargram invites e-tender for Excavation of WDS and Construction of Check Dams at Different Blocks in the District of Jhargram under DPMU, Jhargram, WBADMI Project Phase-II, Bid reference no. DPMU/Jhargram/eNIT26 to 37/2022-23, Tender ID-2023_WRDD_481047_1, 2023_WRDD_481062_1, 2023_WRDD_481072_1. 2023_WRDD_481087_1, 2023_WRDD_481106_1, 2023_WRDD_481122_1, 2023_WRDD_481147_1, 2023_WRDD_481168_1, 2023_WRDD_481208_1, 2023_WRDD_481271_1, 2023_WRDD_481297_1, 2023_WRDD_481332_1. Last dropping date 30/03/2023 (upto 18:00 Hrs). Intending bidders are requested to visit the website http//wbtenders.gov.in for details. Sd/- Executive Engineer, DPMU, Jhargram, WBADMIP
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Date &Time: March 11th 2023 10.00 AM.
Venue: AIC-IIITKottayam, Indian Institute of Information Technology-Kottayam, Karoor,Valavoor P.O, Kerala - 686635
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LOVING BOOKS

A gathering soaking in the essence and substance of literature

A section of the Lit For Life audience at the T.T. Krishnamachari Auditorium of the Music Academy in Chennai on Saturday. The two-day festival started on Friday, after reaching out to readers through various initiatives such as a mobile library and reading zones on the Chennai Metro. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

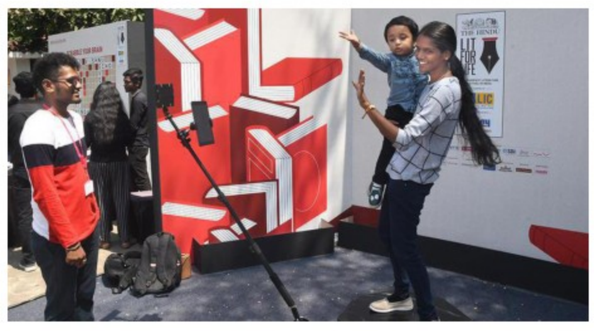
ENRICHING EVENT

11th edition of a much-awaited literary celebration in India

From left: N. Ram, Director, The Hindu Group Publishing Private Ltd.; Nirmala Lakshman, Director, The Hindu Group, and Director and Curator, The Hindu Lit For Life; N. Ravi, Chairman, Kasturi and Sons Ltd.; and L.V. Navaneeth, CEO, The Hindu Group, at the inauguration of Lit For Life on Saturday. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

PHOTO POINT

Freezing forever a moment at a memorable celebration of books



The Photo Point outside the venue of Lit For Life at the Music Academy in Chennai turned out to be a big draw for lovers of literature on Saturday. Many visitors were seen happily getting clicked, to take home a piece of action at the much-loved literary festival. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

WORD POWER

Wordsmiths have a go at a sharp vocabulary challenge

When lively discussions on books were on inside the venue of Lit for Life, scrabble enthusiasts were having their fill outside. The festival, being held in in-person mode after three years, offered many outlets for the sharp brains who juggle with words and love all things literature. R. RAGU

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Akram bats for resuming cricket, people-to-people ties between India, Pak.

Politics should be kept out of sports, cricketer says in a Lit for Life session on his memoir; he also discusses his personal battle against substance abuse and the memorable 1999 win in Chennai

LINE AND LENGTH

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Former Pakistan skipper Wasim Akram has called for the resumption of cricketing ties between India and Pakistan and more people-to-people contact between the two countries.

Mr. Akram, regarded as the world's greatest left-arm pacer, was speaking at The Hindu Lit for Life event on Saturday, discussing his memoir, *Sultan*, along with his co-author and journalist, Gideon Haigh, in a session moderated by N. Ram, Director, The Hindu Group Publishing Private Ltd.

"If you take India and Pakistan together, there are 1.5 billion people, and everyone gets involved. It is a different kind of pressure. That is the beauty of India-Pakistan sports, and I hope it carries on. At some stage, politics should be kept away from sports, and people-to-people contact is very important," said Mr. Akram, who joined the event virtually.

Looking back

In the book, he discusses contentious topics such as ball tampering, match-fixing allegations and substance abuse.

"It was tough to speak about my battles, but I did it to show I could get out of it [drug habit]. If my book motivates even one person to get out of it, my job is done," Mr. Akram said.

He spoke fondly about the famous 1999 Chennai Test in which Pakistan defeated India by 12 runs. "I told Saqlain Mushtaq to bowl the *'doosra'* and give the ball a bit more air outside off stump so that he [Sachin Tendulkar] would try to hit over mid-wicket. That is what happened, and Sachin top-edged. I was saying to myself, 'balance, eyes on the ball', as 40,000 people were screaming. In the end, I took the catch. Winning in India was a massive deal, but what struck us was the standing ovation we got," he reminisced.

To a question from Mr. Ram on the literary challenges of writing the book, Mr. Haigh said: "A lot of this book is about the events of a young man. Sometimes, you forget how young he was when he started playing for Pakistan. In some sense, you must try to convey to your audience how disorienting this whole thing must have been for a young man from Lahore to become the centre of public attention."

Straight drive: Cricketer Wasim Akram and Gideon Haigh, co-author of his memoir, in conversation with N. Ram (right), Director, The Hindu Publishing Group, at The Hindu Lit For Life Literature Festival at the T.T. Krishnamachari Auditorium of the Music Academy in Chennai on Saturday. B. JOTHI RAMALINGAM

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> **WASIM AKRAM**

Later in the evening, in a session on "Sports writing in a digital age" moderated by *The Hindu's* Sports editor K.C. Vijaya Kumar, Mr. Haigh and fellow Australian journalist Peter Lalor spoke about the evolution of sports reportage.

More time

"The digital age has freed journalism to do things we couldn't possibly do before. The amount of time you spent on research and looking for records in the libraries; you can get that information in seconds now. That is time you get back to write better," Mr. Lalor said.

On the flip side, "the fact that you are constantly on call and in touch has made sports writing more difficult to detach and reflect", Mr. Haigh noted.

Net alert: Apar Gupta, executive director, Internet Freedom Foundation; Suhrith Parthasarathy, advocate; T.M. Krishna, vocalist; and Dhanya Rajendran, editor-in-chief, The News Minute; in conversation with N. Ravi, Chairman, Kasturi and Sons Ltd. R. RAVINDRAN

Of securing privacy and spreading freedom of speech

BREATHING FREE

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

The need to secure privacy, by creating a safe space to think and create and for persons to be the way they are, should be at the core of any discussions on freedom of speech, said T.M. Krishna, Carnatic vocalist, composer and author, here on Saturday.

In his remarks at the panel discussion on "Free speech in the age of Internet" at The Hindu Lit for Life, he said that the restrictions on freedom of speech and expression were an attempt to maintain status quo. He added that people from marginalised sections of society were the worst affected by such limitations, which went against the principles of equality.

Apar Gupta, executive director, Internet Freedom Foundation, said that while the Information Technology (Intermediary Guidelines and Digital Media Ethics Code) Rules were brought in with the intention of providing a safeguard to digital intermediaries, they had made a marked departure to become a larger regulatory framework, which was "patently unconstitutional".

Dhanya Rajendran, editor-in-chief, The News Minute, a news portal, stressed the need to distinguish between misinformation and disinformation while discussing fake news. She said that even the government used loose definitions of fake news to bring in more limitations.

Suhrith Parthasarathy, advocate, Madras High Court, said that while threats to freedom of expression had existed long before the Internet age, the Internet had exasperated the problem. He spoke on how many of the laws used against free speech were inherited from India's colonial past.

N. Ravi, Chairman, Kasturi and Sons Ltd., who moderated the discussion, said there were broadly four areas from which threats to free speech came – unreasonable laws, misuse of such laws, an intolerant mob, and a majoritarian ideology. It became a toxic mix when all four were combined. While the Internet overall had been a force for the good, there had been instances of fake news and false narratives.

THE SHAH RUKH LINK

The idea of uprootedness and economic journey

For many migrants, there is a sort of attachment from first-generation people, who have moved away from their roots. They are drawn towards Shah Rukh as he too left Delhi to make it big. It has a lot to do with the idea of uprootedness and economic journey, said Shrayana Bhattacharya, author of *Desperately Seeking Shah Rukh*. She added: "What unites all the women in the book is that they want to be independent and just buy a Shah Rukh movie ticket by themselves, without depending on their father/husband/brother."

REEL LIFE

Modernity in India began in the late 19th century: Mukul

When did modernity really begin? "In 1947? No. It began in the late 19th century with reformist movements, of people coming home after studying abroad, and from the adopting of ideas from the West in India. Essentially, what this film looks at is the entire idea of cinematic memory in films made on citizen's housing and architecture," said Avijit Mukul, director of *Nostalgia for the future*.

REALITY CHECK

A fear or discomfort about anyone different from us

Speaking about the differently-abled, K. Srilata, author of *This Kind of Child: The 'Disability' Story*, said, "We struggle to accept disability because there is always a fear or discomfort about anyone different from us, and we quickly label them in a box... I met people who defined disability differently, and one person told me that disability is largely attitudinal. When a mobility-challenged person encounters a staircase, they are disabled because of a barrier – attitudinal or infrastructure, or lack of empathy, and lack of thinking through public image, and not because someone doesn't have a limb or eyesight."

History must be retold, not reinvented, says Sainath

BOOKMARK

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

History needs to be retold for each generation as new evidence or knowledge comes up, but rewriting should not involve inventing history, author and columnist P. Sainath said on Saturday.

He was speaking at The Hindu Lit for Life 2023, during a discussion of his book *The Last Heroes: Foot Soldiers of Indian Freedom*.

It is people's duty to remember and embrace the freedom struggle for it is a magnificent and romantic chapter of Indian history, he said.

Raising questions on who actually led India's freedom struggle, Mr. Sainath noted that the book was written for a younger generation that has been robbed of its history. But while history needs to be retold for this new generation, it should not be reinvented, Mr. Sainath cautioned.

The 'missing' freedom

Taking a dig at the government website celebrating 75 years of Indian Independence for not having any quotes from freedom fighters or any mention of British colonialism, Mr. Sainath said his book depicted many ordinary people, particularly women from rural India, who had stood against the British.

In a session laced with sarcasm, Mr. Sainath narrated the stories of fascinating characters depicted in the book: Mallu Swarajyam who took part in the Telangana armed struggle; Hausabai Patil of the Toofan Sena; Salihan, an Adivasi freedom fighter from Odisha; Shobharam Gehervar, N. Sankaraiah and R. Nallakannu in Chennai.

They fought for freedom and independence; freedom is still a struggle, Mr. Sainath said.

A fractured history

Earlier, a panel of authors on *Punjab: In a Fractured Land* discussed the misconceptions and divided perceptions of Punjab and the different conflicts and challenges the State has faced over the decades.

Navtej Sarna, author-columnist and former Indian Ambassador to the U.S.; Ramesh Inder Singh, former civil servant and author; and Amandeep Sandhu, Punjabi writer and journalist; were in conversation with journalist Mandira Nayar. The authors discussed the caricatures and stereotypes of Punjab and its people and the role of their books that have helped build narratives and contextualise history right up to the recent farmers' agitation.

Punjab's peace has been ruptured decade after decade and the onus of peace lies on both the State government and the Union government, they said.

The conversation dealt with pages from history from the Jallianwala Bagh massacre, gurdwara reform movement, and Operation Bluestar to the current political status.

Noting that Punjab needed justice and governance, the panellists said that no political party seemed interested in the welfare of the State, where unemployment has left youngsters disgruntled.

Point of view: Author and columnist P. Sainath speaking at the The Hindu Lit For Life and, right, authors Navtej Sarna, Ramesh Inder Singh and Amandeep Sandhu in conversation with journalist Mandira Nayar. R. RAVINDRAN

When pangs of Partition still hurt

Booker Prize-winning author Geetanjali Shree and author-actor Deepti Naval speak about Partition and its impact, their writing processes and the relationships they have cultivated through their journey of words. Shree calls for translating Indian literature into multiple indigenous languages

THE GREAT DIVIDE

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

Author Geetanjali Shree's session on "The Making of a masterpiece" at The Hindu Lit for Life 2023 on Saturday was punctuated by laughter and applause as she spoke about how the word "masterpiece" made her uncomfortable.

"The Booker did not make me a writer. I feel wonderful that it happened and that Hindi was the first South Asian language to receive this honour. However, literature is about quiet and not about the hype and the celebrity culture," she said, in conversation with dancer and writer Anita Ratnam.

The acclaimed Hindi author, who won the International Booker Prize in 2022 for her book *Tomb of Sand*, spoke about the need to translate more Indian literature into its multiple indigenous languages instead of turning to English as the only language for translations.

Spoken language: Geetanjali Shree with Anita Ratnam and, right, Deepti Naval at The Hindu Lit For Life Festival on Saturday. R. RAGU

She had not met in person Daisy Rockwell who translated her *Ret Samadhi* into *Tomb of Sand*, she said. "The gods had destined it. You could make a book out of the emails that we sent back and forth. I was made to analyse my own work," the author said.

Wounds from the past

Ms. Shree also spoke about how Partition still feels relevant to much of North India, although many people may not have personally experienced it. "The Partition ideally should promote both sides working effectively. However, this word has taken on a negative connotation. It has divided and left a wound. While some people belong to both sides, others belong to neither," she said.

Actor and author Deepti Naval also explored the subject of Partition in her talk that preceded Ms. Shree's session. She reminisced how her father had insisted on taking her and her sister to various sites of war as they were growing up, in order to understand its deep impact on both India and Pakistan.

The author, who was speaking to *The Hindu Magazine* editor Rosella Stephen about her book *A Country Called Childhood*, said that as children, she and others around her would often watch Sabre jets flying above their terraces. "We did not realise what the war meant," she said.

Poetic autobiography

Having grown up in a secular household, Ms. Naval said that her family had made no fuss about learning and practising different faiths.

She knew and understood about Partition when their family home – the Chandravali house in Amritsar – became a point of tussle between Hindu and Muslim groups during Partition. Her book talks about her childhood in a manner which is not purely autobiographical, Ms. Naval said, noting that she had delved deep into her life in a fashion that was almost poetic.

'Policy on building climate resilence can't exclude communities'

ACTION TIME

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

All infrastructure and policy developed to deal with the climate crisis will fail if communities become the object of pity, rather than the subject of interventions, Arunabha Ghosh, founder-CEO, Council on Energy, Environment and Water (CEEW), said on Saturday.

Speaking at Lit for Life, Mr. Ghosh warned that the world today faced a greater crisis than climate change – which is the lack of empathy for humans experiencing the effects of climate change.

Experts working in the climate space – Supriya Sahu, Additional Chief Secretary in the Tamil Nadu Department of Environment, Climate Change, and Forests, and filmmaker Shawn Sebastian – participated in a discussion on building climate resilience, moderated by journalist Sahana Ghosh.

Climate resilience is the agency that people or communities have to bounce back from the effects of a disaster due to climate change, Mr. Ghosh explained. "You could build climate resilience to save lives. However, it is not the same as saving livelihoods. And that's why we need to understand what communities are doing in the face of crisis," he added.

Ms. Sahu said that governments could adapt the work done by local residents to handle climate crisis at a community level. As an example, she pointed to Odanthurai, a village in Coimbatore, which not only uses wind energy within the community but also supplies power to the government's grid.

"Documentation of actions at village level is crucial to connect community with policymakers and government and to drive and shape the discourse of climate resilience," said Mr. Sebastian, director of 'Faces of Climate Resilence' project by the CEEW, under which he has made 16 documentary films on communities coming up with solutions to tackle the climate crisis.

History has a lot of grey shades and many nuances are left unsaid: Dalrymple

COLONIAL CHAPTER

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

History has a lot of grey shades and many nuances are left unsaid, said historian William Dalrymple at the concluding session of The Hindu Lit for Life, while giving an illustrated talk on his book *The Company Quartet*, a collection of four of his earlier books that chronicle the fascinating story of the rise and fall of the East India Company.

William Dalrymple

It took him 20 years to write the four books: *The Anarchy* (which covered the period from 1660 to 1803), *White Mughals* (1780-1830), *Return of a King* (the Afghan War, post-1830), and *The Last Mughal* (culminating with the 1857 War of Independence).

"When I began working, the subject was very upskill. The full implication of what colonialism means and what it did was taken to another level when I reassessed the available facts," the author said. And the master narrator that he is, Mr. Dalrymple gave history a little makeover in his book to say that it was not the British government that captured parts of India in mid-18th century – the sinister reality was that a corporation owned by stakeholders did so for profit.

Mr. Dalrymple's meticulous research tells the most bewitching stories from India's past, and how the East India Company invented a way of business that reflected a symbiosis of governments and corporations. "They can direct and topple each other," he said.

He narrated the story of how the Mughal empire, which generated half the world's wealth, disintegrated, and was replaced by the first global corporate power that functioned from a small office with five wide windows in London.

The tumultuous colonial history, covert political machinations, bloody resistance and battles (of Plassey and Buxar) fought were all deals that involved money and loot to shatter the Mughal empire and decentralise states by using Indian men called sepoys as soldiers.

His talk was riveting as it delved into the extraordinary ways the East India Company resorted to take over a country using local money of the Indian bankers called Jagat Seths to amass wealth and make quadruple profit. It was a hugely successful business model of the times, where a private corporation owned a private army and expanded its operation and network, while the rich Mughal states of Bengal, Bihar and Orissa bled.

Vidya Balan: a career spent breaking the mould

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

From a traditional family background and being typecast in her early days in the industry, actor Vidya Balan has spent much of her career breaking the mould. In a conversation with journalist Faye D'Souza at a curated evening for invited guests at The Hindu Lit for Life, Ms. Balan traced her journey.

"I hail from a typical TamBrahm family where joining the film industry was never an option. Like most parents, mine too were not in favour of me joining the industry. However, as a child, I grew up watching Madhuri Dikshit dancing to *Ek Do Teen* and that created in me a burning desire to dance and act," she reminisced.

The actor spoke about being dropped from several films as she was considered a jinx after her first film with a famous director was shelved. Finally, her big break came with *Parineeta*, and there was no looking back. "I didn't choose *Parineeta*; *Parineeta* chose me," she said.

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A SATIRE

Dear Omana: notes on how to be a literary sensation

Dear Omana, by Madras Players, is a humorous play on the journey of a writer who undergoes several travails on his quest to get published and become famous. The play starts with struggling writer Krishna writing to Omana, an acclaimed author, about the difficulties he faces in getting his work published. Omana cleverly tells him to write a trilogy and sell the idea to the publishing house, as it would buy him time and give him a sure-shot contract and royalties. What follows is a series of exchanges that trace an aspiring writer's journey – from selling rights to a publishing house, getting the editor to take the book forwards, attending lit-fests, being recognised at them, becoming slightly more famous, being nominated for awards, albeit not too famous. Directed by Nikhila Kesavan and starring Nikhila herself as Omana, along with V. Sarvesh Sridhar, the play by Krishna Shastri Devulapalli is a satire on the publishing industry.

ON SEMANTICS

'The soul of translation lies in getting the soul of the author'

In a session on "Linguistic challenges: editing and marketing translations", Mini Krishnan, Prabha Sridevan and D.I. Aravindan spoke to Kavitha Muralidharan. According to Ms. Krishnan, coordinating editor of the Tamil Nadu Textbook and Educational Services Corporation, "Translation is emotionally important for not just our country but for literatures of the world, and that cross-fertilisation would stop in a day if there was no translation."

Translator and journalist D.I. Aravindan added that apart from getting the meaning right, the soul of the translation lies in getting the soul of the author into Tamil. In other words, it should read like the author's writing, and not the translator's.

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Modi and Shah are the only leaders in BJP today, says Nitish

Amarnath Tewary
PATNA

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar took a dig at the BJP on Saturday, saying that there were only two leaders in the party today: the Prime Minister and the Home Minister. Speaking at the *Ekjutaa* (show of unity) rally in Purnia, organised by the seven parties of the ruling alliance in Bihar, Mr. Kumar also emphasised the need for Opposition unity to fight the BJP in the 2024 parliamentary election.

Earlier in the day, Home Minister Amit Shah mocked the Bihar Chief Minister at another rally in the State, claiming that he dreamt about becoming the Prime Minister every three years. "But BJP has now shut all its doors for Nitish Kumar," said Mr. Shah, addressing a rally at Lauria in Valmikinagar of West Champaran district.

Two hours later, Mr. Kumar hit back at the Purnia rally and said that he had no personal desires, but only aspired for Opposition unity. "If we are united in the 2024 Lok Sabha poll, they [BJP] will get nothing and will be removed from the country," he said. "We're waiting for the Congress party to take the initiative and discuss things," he added.

Addressing the rally virtually from Delhi, ailing Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) chief Lalu Prasad said, "BJP is not a party but a mask of RSS. And what the RSS wants, Prime Minister Narendra Modi does."

Biden nominee's path as U.S. envoy to New Delhi hits another roadblock

Suhasini Haidar
NEW DELHI

U.S. President Joseph Biden's nominee for Ambassador to India, Eric Garcetti, received yet another setback as a senior Republican Senator placed a hold on his confirmation, calling it one of several "questionable" nominations.

Senator Marco Rubio also placed a hold on six other nominations, including that of former U.S. Ambassador to India, Richard Verma, ahead of a Senate Foreign Relations Committee hearing scheduled for Tuesday. While the hearing could still go forward, the confirmation process of Mr. Garcetti, Mr. Verma and others would have to be delayed indefinitely until the issue is resolved.

"One of these nominees has ignored credible sexual assault accusations in his prior office," Mr. Rubio said in a statement, referring to allegations that Mr. Garcetti had not taken credible action against the Deputy Chief of Staff in his Los Angeles Mayoral office despite serious accusations of sexual harassment.

Mr. Garcetti's nomination, which was originally made in 2021, was stuck over the same charges before as well, and Republican Senators, including Mr. Rubio have opposed it in the past.

Vacant for two years

As *The Hindu* had reported earlier this week, Mr. Garcetti's hearing had been seen as a renewed push by the U.S. administration to fill the Ambassadorial post in New Delhi, which has been vacant for a record two years. After Mr. Garcetti's previous nomination lapsed with the previous U.S. Congress, Mr. Biden re-nominated the former Los Angeles Mayor, a close friend and associate, rather than sending a new name for confirmation.

The move to re-nominate Mr. Garcetti appeared to indicate that the Biden administration was confident of pushing through the appointment this time, particularly as the Democratic party wrested control of the Senate in the November 2022 elections. However, the number of challenges to Mr. Garcetti's nomination, with even members of his own party reportedly unwilling to support the nomination, has raised questions in New Delhi over whether a U.S. Ambassador will be in place this year at all. Prime Minister Narendra Modi is due to meet the American President a number of times this year, including a possible State visit to Washington and the G-20 summit in Delhi.

"We have little choice but to wait for the U.S. processes to play out... Having said that, it would be good to have a U.S. Ambassador here at the earliest, especially in this important year," Navtej Sarna, former Indian Ambassador to the U.S., said.

Meanwhile, all eyes will be on the committee Chairperson Robert Menendez's decision on whether to go ahead with Tuesday's meeting to vote Mr. Garcetti out of the committee despite the hold.

MANILA

Philippines protesters mark 37th anniversary of Marcos Sr's ouster

REUTERS

Philippine protesters rallied on Saturday to mark the 37th anniversary of the "People Power" revolution, which ousted President Ferdinand Marcos Jr's dictator father and sent the family into exile. It was the first commemoration of the uprising since Marcos Jr took office in June 2022. AFP

TEHRAN

'Iran still seeking to kill Trump to avenge Soleimani's death'

AFP

An Iranian general warned his country is still seeking to kill former U.S. President Donald Trump and his Secretary of State Mike Pompeo in revenge for assassinating top commander Qasem Soleimani. Tehran has repeatedly vowed to avenge the officer's killing in a U.S. drone strike on Baghdad airport in January 2020. AFP

OUAGADOUGOU

Extremists say more than 70 soldiers killed in Burkina Faso

AFP

The Islamic State group has claimed responsibility for killing more than 70 soldiers, wounding dozens and taking five hostage, in an ambush on a military convoy in northern Burkina Faso. The statement said it attacked a convoy trying to advance to areas under its control near Deou, in the Sahel's Oudalan province. AP

LAGOS

Nigerians vote for new President in a tight race amid security crisis

AFP

Nigerians voted for a successor to President Muhammadu Buhari in a tight race with three frontrunners competing for the first time in the country's modern history. About 90 million people are eligible to vote, with many Nigerians saying they hoped the new leader would tackle a security crisis, the sluggish economy and poverty. AFP

U.S. hopes India will use its ties with Russia to end war

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The Hindu Bureau

The U.S. hopes that India will use its relationship with Russia to end the conflict in Ukraine, a senior U.S. diplomat has said, on the first anniversary of Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

"We have said before, the Secretary [of State of the U.S., Antony Blinken] has said India has had a long and complicated history with Russia going back to the Cold War days – that is a deep and sustained relationship over many decades," Assistant Secretary of State Donald Lu told reporters on a briefing call on Friday.

"It is our hope that India will use that influence with Russia to support an end to this conflict, and as Foreign Minister Jaishankar has said, end to the conflict according to the principles of the UN Charter [on] territorial integrity and sovereignty," Mr. Lu said.

Mr. Blinken is due in New Delhi on March 1 for the G-20 Foreign Ministers' meeting.

Prior to his arrival in India, he will visit Kazakhstan and Uzbekistan for a meeting of the C5+ 1 (i.e., these countries, plus the U.S., Tajikistan and Turkmenistan) in Astana on February 28.

Old friends: The U.S. acknowledged that India-Russia ties are deep and sustained and dated back to the Cold War days. FILE PHOTO

Complex relations

In response to a question on whether Mr. Blinken will try and convince India and the Central Asian countries to align more with the U.S. on the Ukraine conflict, Mr. Lu described India and the Central Asian countries as having "long, complex" relations with Russia.

"I don't think they're going to end those relations anytime soon. But we are talking to them about the role that they can play in this conflict," he said, noting that these countries had sent humanitarian assistance to Ukraine and spoken in favour of territorial integrity.

"We may not share the same approach every day on Ukraine, but I think we do share the goal that this conflict end, and it end based on principles in the UN Charter,," Mr. Lu said.

On Thursday, India was among the 32 countries that cast an abstention vote at the UN on a resolution criticising Russia's invasion of Ukraine and calling for a "just and lasting peace".

In New Delhi, Mr. Blinken will meet with Mr. Jaishankar and, as per Mr. Lu, there will be discussions on the bilateral relationship, the G20, as well as on the Quad (the group comprised of India, the U.S., Australia and Japan) and the recently launched India-U.S. Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technologies (iCET).

Serious talks

India and the U.S. have been having "serious conversations" about China, Mr. Lu said, including in the aftermath of the U.S. downing of a Chinese balloon floating over North America, allegedly used for surveillance purposes. He expected these conversations to continue.

In response to a question on Beijing providing loans to Pakistan and Sri Lanka, Mr. Lu said the U.S. was very concerned that these would be used for "coercive leverage" and that Washington was talking to New Delhi and others in the region about helping debtor countries.

Ukraine war is exacerbating fragilities in the global economy: G-20 Ministers

Kallol Bhattacherjee
NEW DELHI

An Outcome Document says most members strongly condemned Russia's war in Ukraine

At a meeting of G-20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors (FMCBG) on Saturday in Bengaluru, most members called for a "complete and unconditional withdrawal" of the Russian forces from Ukrainian territory.

An 'Outcome Document' released at the end of the meeting also hinted at differences of opinion among the G-20 members.

"Most members strongly condemned the war in Ukraine and stressed that it is causing immense human suffering and exacerbating existing fragilities in the global economy – constraining growth, increasing inflation, disrupting supply chains, heightening energy and food insecurity, and elevating financial stability risks," the Outcome Document stated.

Impact of sanctions

A section of the members also raised the impact of the anti-Russia sanctions.

The Hindu had reported earlier that the Indian side was expected to highlight mainly economic and developmental issues that are vital for the Global South but the Outcome Document stated clearly that "Recognising that that the G-20 is not the forum to resolve security issues, we acknowledge that security issues can have significant consequences for the global economy."

The document came out strongly in support of international law and reiterated the comment that Prime Minister Narendra Modi had made at last year's Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit at Samarkand that "Today's era must not be of war."

The group also called for strengthening of the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) and FATF Style Regional Bodies (FSRBs) to ensure continued crackdown on money laundering and terrorism.

Nepal govt. in disarray over PM's choice of President

Reuters
KATHMANDU

Nepal's ruling coalition was in turmoil after Prime Minister Pushpa Kamal Dahal 'Prachanda' said he planned to support a presidential candidate from an Opposition party, a decision that prompted the Deputy Prime Minister and three others to resign.

Prachanda said he would support Ram Chandra Paudel from the Opposition Nepali Congress party in next month's polls, instead of the candidate of his coalition partner, the Communist Unified Marxist Leninist party. Political analysts said the moves did not suggest the government was in immediate trouble as it still enjoys a majority in Parliament.

On the draw

Jordan to host talks between Palestine and Israeli sides

Agence France-Presse
AMMAN

Jordan will on Sunday host a "political-security" meeting between Israel and the Palestinians to try and restore calm to the occupied Palestinian territories after deadly violence, a Jordanian government official said.

The meeting to be held in the Red Sea resort of Aqaba will also be attended by the U.S. and Egyptian representatives.

It aims at "building trust" between Israel and the Palestinians, the official told AFP on Saturday, speaking on condition of anonymity.

The talks will come after 11 Palestinians were killed and more than 80 wounded in a gun battle on Wednesday when Israeli troops raided the city of Nablus in the West Bank, which Israel has occupied since the 1967 Six-Day War.

The death toll was the highest since the second Palestinian intifada, or uprising, ended in 2005, the year the UN started tracking casualties.

Intensifying unrest this year has sparked international concern and follows violence in 2022 which was the deadliest in the West Bank since UN tracking began.

Iran drone-makers among 121 entities hit by EU sanctions

Agence France-Presse
BRUSSELS

New EU sanctions over Russia's war in Ukraine adopted on Saturday target 121 individuals and entities, including Iranian drone manufacturers, officials said.

The measures, agreed late on Friday ahead of Saturday's formal adoption, are the 10th round of European Union sanctions aimed at undercutting Russia's finances and military supplies used in its invasion that started a year ago.

They echo sanctions announced on Friday by the U.S. and Britain, and follow up on a G-7 statement that warned of penalties for any country abetting Russia in its war.

'Most far-reaching'

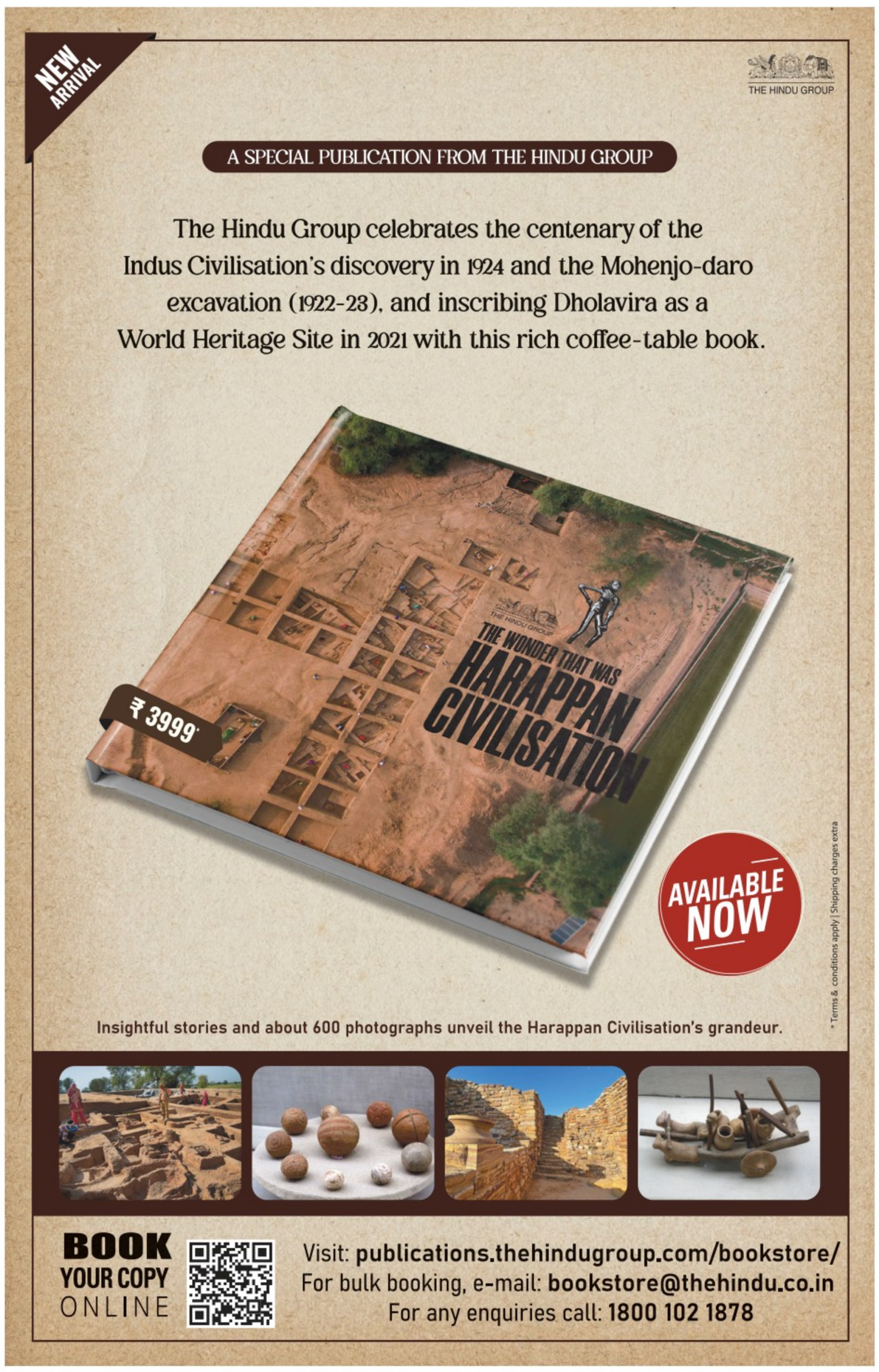
The successive round of EU measures are "the most far-reaching sanctions ever – depleting Russia's war arsenal and biting deep into its economy," European Commission chief Ursula von der Leyen said.

"We are also turning up the pressure on those trying to circumvent our sanctions."

The latest EU sanctions target an additional 96 Russian entities – meaning businesses or state agencies – including another three Russian banks.

Seven Iranian entities are included this round, all manufacturers of self-exploding drones Russia has been using to strike Ukrainian targets.

An export ban on industrial goods to Russia is expanded to include dual-use items like electronics, specialised vehicles, machine parts, spare parts for trucks and jet engines, antennae, cranes, drones, rare earth materials, electronic circuits and thermal cameras.



Are neutrinos their own anti-particles?

Vasudevan Mukunth

Neutrinos are the second most abundant particles in the cosmos. Because they are so ubiquitous, their properties have an important influence on the structure of the universe.

An open question about neutrinos is whether they are their own anti-particles. An experiment in Japan recently reported that it failed to find "strong evidence" that this is so, ruling out a few theories trying to explain neutrinos' many mysterious properties.

Every elementary particle has an anti-particle. If the two meet, they will destroy each other in a flash of energy. The electron's anti-particle is the positron. They can be distinguished because they have opposite charges. Similarly, neutrinos have anti-neutrinos.

However, neither is electrically charged, nor possesses any other properties to really differentiate between them.

But physicists working with the Kamioka Liquid Scintillator Antineutrino Detector (KamLAND) in Japan recently reported that after analysing two years' data, they could not find signs that neutrinos could be their own anti-particles.

KamLAND looks for an event called neutrinoless double beta-decay. In normal double beta-decay, two neutrons in an atom turn into two protons by emitting two electrons and two anti-neutrinos. In neutrinoless double beta-decay, the anti-neutrinos aren't emitted, which can happen only if anti-neutrinos are just different kinds of neutrinos.

A KamLAND team looked for signs of neutrinoless double beta-decay in 750 kg of xenon-136. It reported on January 30, in *Physical Review Letters*, that if a xenon-136 nucleus does undergo neutrinoless double beta-decay, it happens at most once every 230 million billion billion years. Even the universe is only 13.8 billion years old.

The result rejects theories that predict more frequent occurrences of neutrinoless double beta-decay. The physicists plan to upgrade KamLAND and test theories that predict lower frequencies in future.

The frequency can be used to estimate the mass of neutrinos, explained Itaru Shimizu from the Research Centre for Neutrino Science, Tohoku University, and a KamLAND team member.

So, 2.3×10^{26} years implies "an effective neutrino mass of 36-156 meV," he said in an email. This is at least 5,000-times lighter than an electron.

Another unknown about neutrinos is their mass. So as KamLAND continues its quest for neutrinoless double beta-decay, it may be able to help crack this mystery as well.

Studies in mice reveal neural mechanism of fear conditioning

The capacity to sense the feelings of others is not unique to humans, and the biological mechanisms are shared with other mammals

R. Prasad

Researchers have, for the first time, demonstrated in mice the underlying neural mechanism that allows mice to feel empathy. In mice, observational fear, a form of emotional contagion, provokes an emotional response in the form of empathy.

The findings about empathy in mice may turn out to be true in the case of humans too, but further studies are needed in humans to conclusively prove this.

The capacity to sense the feelings of others is not unique to humans, and its biological mechanisms are shared with other mammals, including rodents. Observational fear, which is a rodent model for emotional contagion, is the basic form of affective empathy.

During the observational fear experiment, a demonstrator mouse is given an electric shock, while an observer mouse watches from behind a transparent screen. When witnessing another animal receiving a shock, the observer mouse displays an immediate fear response, as demonstrated by its freezing behaviour. The observer mouse is also known to be able to recall the experience at a later time. Thus, observational fear is considered as a basic form of affective empathy.

Brain-imaging studies in humans have shown that the neuronal activities of the anterior cingulate cortex (ACC) and the amygdala change during observation of others experiencing fear or others' fearful facial expressions. It was also known that another region of the brain – basolateral amygdala (BLA) – is essential for observational fear.

"ACC is considered an important region of the brain for the convergence of sensory and emotional information," says Dr. Gireesh Gangadharan, DBT-Ramalingaswami Fellow at the Department of Cell and Molecular Biology at Manipal School of Life Sciences, Mahe and a co-author of a paper published in *Neuron*.

So, a team led by Dr. Shin Hee-Sup at the Institute for Basic Science (IBS) in Daejeon, South Korea, began to study the neural circuits involving the ACC and basolateral amygdala (BLA) in both the right and left hemispheres of the brain to understand the neural mechanism underlying observational fear.

Enhancing our understanding of fear conditioning

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- Neuronal activities of the anterior cingulate cortex (ACC) and the amygdala change during observation of others experiencing fear
- Reciprocal connection between ACC and BLA regions of the right brain is essential for observational fear learning
- Observational freezing reduced when the ACC-BLA circuits in the right brain are inhibited
- Brain rhythms (5-7 Hz) selectively increased in the ACC and BLA in the right brain of the observer mice experiencing observational fear

Setting: In observational fear conditioning, the subject mouse (observer) observes another mouse (demonstrator) receiving foot shocks.

Lab studies

The researchers turned to optogenetic experiments to prove that reciprocal connection between ACC and BLA regions of the brain is essential for observational fear learning. Light sensitive protein was injected into the anterior cingulate cortex (ACC) in the right hemisphere and the BLA was bilaterally illuminated with a yellow laser.

The experiment was repeated by injecting the light sensitive protein into ACC in the left brain and BLA was bilaterally illuminated with a yellow laser.

"When we optogenetically inhibited the ACC-BLA circuits only in the right brain, mice showed reduced observational freezing. On the other hand, the mice were unaffected when only the left side was inhibited," says Dr. Gangadharan.

Next, the researchers inserted electrodes into the ACC and BLA to measure brain oscillation or brain activity in mice as they observe demonstrator mice receiving electrical shock. They recorded electroencephalogram (EEG) in the ACC and BLA.

"We found the brain rhythms with the range of 5-7 Hz selectively increased in the observer mice experiencing observational fear but only in the right brain," he says. The enhanced 5-7 Hz oscillations in the right ACC and BLA ended immediately as observational freezing was terminated.

"This provided further support for the strong temporal correlation between these oscillations and observational fear," Dr. Gangadharan says. "The specific increase in 5-7 Hz oscillations in the right ACC and BLA during observational fear suggests a pivotal role for these oscillations in the expression of empathic responses."

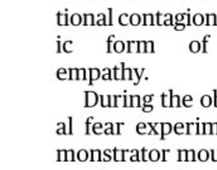
Causal link

To test whether brain activity is causally linked to observational fear, the researchers undertook a closed-loop disruption of theta waves in the right ACC. "Whenever theta waves were seen in the right anterior cingulate cortex (ACC), we disrupted the oscillation (brain activity) and observed a reduction in freezing in the observation mice. This proved the causal link," he says.

The next step was to confirm the source of the theta oscillation. The researchers hypothesised that hippocampal theta waves may tune the synchronised theta oscillations in the ACC and BLA in the right brain during observational fear. To test this hypothesis, the theta oscillations in the entire hippocampal complex were first stimulated and later inhibited and its effect on the ACC and BLA in the right brain and the empathic response was studied.

"Following the changes in hippocampal theta oscillations power, 5-7 Hz rhythm in the ACC-BLA circuits and empathic responses were bi-directionally modulated. This conclusively showed that the theta oscillation is hippocampal-dependent," he says.

Aztec hummingbirds, Indian sunbirds



SPEAKING OF SCIENCE

D. Balasubramanian

Huitzilin – a "ray of the sun" – was the name given by the Aztecs to the hummingbird. Natives of the American continent, the iridescent colours of the 350 species of this bird has often fired the imagination of poets and jewellery designers.

They are small: the bee hummingbird is barely 5 cm long and weighs 2 grams. They can beat their wings up to 50 times per second, creating a hum that defines them. They can hover majestically as they sip nectar from a flower, and even fly backward. Tubular flowers that are bright red or orange (such as lantana and rhododendron) are preferred.

An examination of their wings reveals very long hand bones but very short arm bones that are connected to the body through exceptionally flexible ball-and-socket joints. These joints allow the wings to rotate after each half-stroke, permitting manoeuvrability and backward flight.

Similarities

India has its sunbirds which, though unrelated to hummingbirds, share many common features through convergent evolution. The family that sunbirds are placed in is appropriately named *Nectariniidae*. Though slightly larger, the sunbirds can hover briefly, and go for bright, tubular flowers. They are critical pollinators of the Flame of the Forest.

However, they need to perch while feeding. Like hummingbirds, they may catch insects, especially to feed their young. The purple sunbird is a common sight in India – the larger and brighter male is at his shiny best in March, the mating season.

The energy demands of hovering are very high. Relative to their body mass, hummingbirds have the highest metabolic rate (calories burnt per minute) among vertebrates. Most of this energy comes from nectar. Rapid sugar uptake by their digestive system ensures that they utilise energy from nectar ingested just a few minutes ago.

Superior: The lungs of hummingbirds are 10 times better at absorbing oxygen from air than mammals of similar size.

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Intense exercise in humans rather paradoxically leads to a spike in blood glucose levels. This is because in its immediate need for energy, your body resorts to gluconeogenesis – converting resources such as muscle protein into glucose. A negative consequence is that you may neither gain muscle nor lose fat after so much activity.

What about the high-intensity activities of hummingbirds? Recent genome studies have shown that during evolution, the gene for a key enzyme involved in gluconeogenesis was lost around the time when hovering appeared.

Removing this gene from bird cell lines grown in the laboratory leads to an increase in energy efficiency of these cells.

Mimicry and dance

Like parrots and some songbirds, hummingbirds are capable of vocal mimicry. When hummingbird pairs are reared in isolation, the two birds produce a song that is subtly different from the standard song of their species.

Remarkably, they are also able to align their muscular movements with auditory sensations that come to their ears – they can dance.

Anirudh Patel, a neuroscientist at the Tufts University, U.S., has theorised that the ability to control throat muscles to mimic a sound precedes the ability to move to the rhythm of sounds. However, hummingbirds cannot dance in pairs, or in groups, as we humans can.

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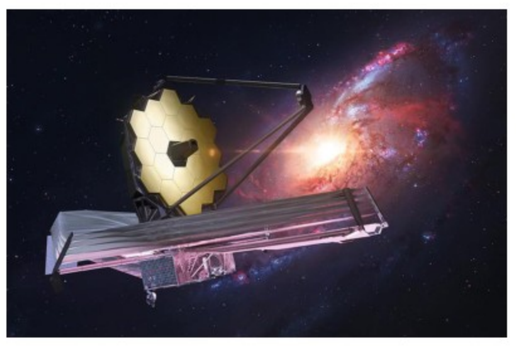
SNAPSHOTS

Earthquake reveals Earth's core has two distinct layers

Measurements of earthquake reverberations have revealed that our planet's inner core – a solid ball of iron nickel – has two distinct layers made of differently structured iron crystals. The way the earthquake wave oscillations are distorted as they bounce back and forth through the centre of the planet allowed researchers to figure out the core's structure. The finding will help to understand how the core formed millions of years ago and what role it might have had in shaping the magnetic field.



JWST reveals galaxies formed 500 Mya after the Big Bang

Observations by the James Webb Space Telescope (JWST) offer insights into early galaxy formation. The telescope made observations of a population of candidate massive galaxies that formed around 500-700 million years after the Big Bang (*Nature*). These galaxies are more massive than have been expected for this early point in time. If verified with spectroscopy, these findings provide evidence to suggest that galaxies grew quicker than expected early in the history of the Universe.

Height of people in Milan not changed in past 2,000 years

The average height of people living in Milan has remained unchanged over the past 2,000 years, suggests an analysis of the remains of more than 500 individuals buried in the city from the Roman Era (*Scientific Reports*). The study found that although height varied in individuals from across different eras, the average height for both males and females did not significantly differ across time. Human height is determined by genetics and environmental influences.

Question Corner

Mosquitoes

Why do some people attract more mosquitoes?

In a bid to understand why mosquitoes may be more attracted to one human than another, researchers have mapped specialised receptors on the insects' nerve cells that are able to fine-tune their ability to detect particularly 'welcoming' odours in human skin (*Cell Reports*). Receptors on mosquito neurons have an important role in the insects' ability to identify people who present an attractive source of a blood meal. Mosquitoes detect odours mostly through their antennae, and scientists have long observed that variations in odours, heat, humidity and carbon dioxide are factors in attracting mosquitoes to some individuals more than others.

For example, *Anopheles gambiae*, which causes malaria, has three types of receptors that study the surface of neurons in their organs that sense odour: odorant, gustatory and ionotropic receptors.

It is thought that different levels of acids on human skin might be a reason for some people to be more attractive to mosquitoes than others, says a release.

Readers may send their questions / answers to questioncorner@thehindu.co.in

FAQ

Who will benefit from the UPI-PayNow link?

How did the real-time payment linkage between Singapore and India come about? How does the ecosystem work?

Priyali Prakash

The story so far:

On Tuesday, India's Unified Payments Interface (UPI) and Singapore's PayNow were officially connected to allow for "real-time payment linkage". Singapore is the first country with which cross-border Person to Person (P2P) payment facilities have been launched. The plan was first announced by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) and the Monetary Authority of Singapore (MAS) in September 2021 to facilitate instant low-cost, cross-border fund transfer.

How will it help?

When the scheme was announced, the RBI had said that the cross-border interoperability of payments using cards and QR codes between India and Singapore would further anchor trade, travel and remittance flows between the two countries. The initiative is a part of the government's push towards as UPI-based payment ecosystem. In January 2023, the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) enabled international phone numbers to be able to transact using UPI. The Union Cabinet had approved incentivisation schemes for promoting low-value BHIM-UPI transactions in April 2022.

On February 21, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and his counterpart, Singapore Prime Minister Lee Hsien Loong, attended the virtual launch. The Ministry of External Affairs said this would help the Indian diaspora in Singapore, especially migrant workers and students and "bring the benefits of digitalisation and fintech to the common man through instantaneous and low-cost transfer of money from Singapore to India and vice-versa."

How will the scheme work?

For users at the Indian end, State Bank of India, Indian Overseas Bank, Indian Bank and ICICI Bank will facilitate both inward and outward remittances, while Axis Bank and DBS India will only facilitate inward remittances for now. DBS-Singapore and Liquid Group, a fintech company, will facilitate the service for users in Singapore. More banks will be included in the linkage with time, the RBI said in a press release. Account holders of listed banks can transfer funds to/from India using their UPI ID, mobile number, or Virtual Payment Address (VPA). To begin with, Indian users can remit up to ₹60,000 per day. This is equal to around $ (Singapore) 1,000. Cross-border remittances to Singapore can be done through the bank's mobile application or internet banking facilities. Apps of participating Indian banks will have an opt in/opt out feature for receiving remittances from Singapore. Currently, only UPI IDs registered with the same bank where an account is held can be used to receive remittances in accounts of participating banks. The P2P remittances between India and Singapore are only allowed for purposes of "maintenance of relatives abroad" and "gifts". According to the RBI, participating banks will roll out updates to allow global remittances in their UPI apps in a phased manner.

India has also considered allowing UPI remittances from other countries like the United Arab Emirates (UAE) which hosts a large Indian population. In November 2022, India and UAE discussed allowing cross-border remittances through UPI platforms during a meeting between External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and UAE Foreign Minister Sheikh Abdullah bin Zayed Al Nahyan in New Delhi.

What are real-time payments (RTP)?

As the name suggests, real-time payments are money transfers that are mostly settled as soon as they are performed. RTPs are allowed 24x7, 365 days a year. They help simplify the process of fund transfer as well as ease communication between the payer and the payee. P2P payments involve the transfer of funds from one user's bank account to another through a digital medium. Common examples of P2P mobile apps in India include GPay and Paytm. Using P2P payments eliminates the risk of sharing bank account details. In 2022, UPI payments worth ₹8,31,993.11 crore were recorded in January. This figure climbed to ₹12,81,970.86 crore in December.

Will the Seattle move shield against caste bias?

Why are Dalit rights activists calling the Seattle City Council ban on caste discrimination historic? How will it impact movements across America and the world for equal rights? What are the anti-caste laws in India?

Sudipta Datta

The story so far:

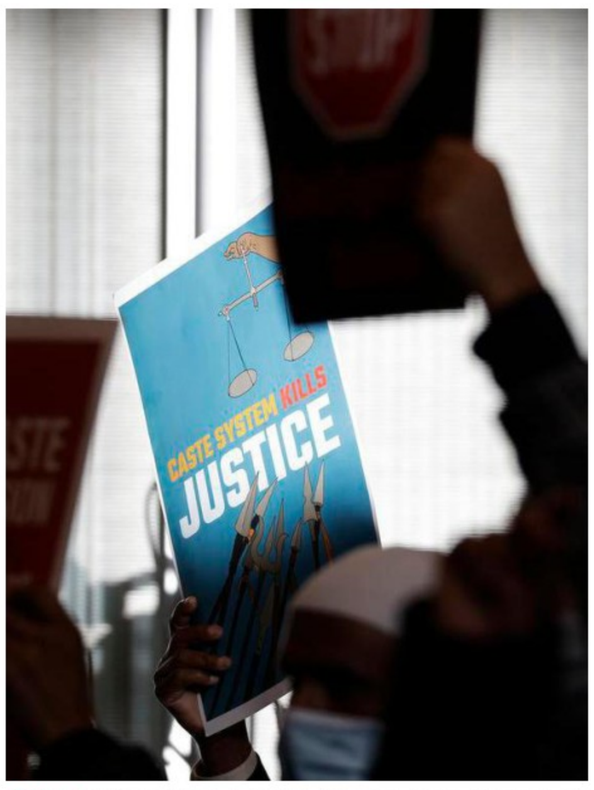
On February 21, the Seattle City Council became the first U.S. city to ban caste-based discrimination. Amending the City Municipal Code, an ordinance was issued, including caste as a class to be protected against discrimination, alongside race, gender, and religion. Several universities in the U.S., including Harvard, Brown and California State University, have added the caste criteria to its anti-discrimination policies.

Was a new policy required to shield against caste bias?

Defining caste as a "rigid social stratification characterised by hereditary status, endogamy and social barriers sanctioned by custom, law or religion," the council said discrimination based on caste was occurring in Seattle and that the legislation would prohibit "such caste-based discrimination against individuals." The fight to address caste discrimination was led by Dalit rights activists and organisations like Equality Labs and other local groups, many of whom originally hailed from India, and yet had felt the long reach of the caste system, rooted in the Manusmriti with its rigid hierarchies, despite being part of the diaspora. While Dalit rights activists called the ordinance, proposed by council member Kshama Sawant, historic, it came under attack from groups like the Hindu American Foundation which said caste discrimination must be condemned but by "singling out South Asians," the move would put communities like the Hindus under more legal scrutiny.

What does data show?

Thenmozhi Soundararajan, executive director of Equality Labs, told *The Hindu*: "The Equality Labs 2016 Caste in the United States survey found that one in four Dalits in the U.S. had faced verbal or physical assault and two out of every three said they had faced discrimination at work." The data, she said, are corroborated by hundreds of testimonies of caste-oppressed people who spoke up against discrimination at workplaces, places of worship, and in community relationships. "This is a win centuries in the making, and it sends a message across the world that in order for us to heal from caste we must ban it," said Ms. Soundararajan. Seattle, in Washington state, home to companies like Microsoft, Amazon and Boeing, have many workers from South Asia, including India. A *Washington Post* report said that Washington state has more than 1,50,000 South Asian residents, many based in the Seattle area.



Caste-free: People hold up signs during a crowded public hearing in the Seattle City Council chambers on February 21. AP

> The Seattle City Council said that caste-based prejudice had been happening and that the legislation would prohibit it

Have cases of caste discrimination been documented?

According to Ms. Soundararajan, one of the first cases of caste exploitation that came to light in the U.S. happened in 2000 in Berkeley, California. Lakireddy Bali Reddy, who hails from a dominant caste in Andhra Pradesh, was alleged to have trafficked Dalit workers from his native village including minor girls. The police investigated the case and Reddy and his sons were convicted. This was the first case of someone being convicted for trafficking connected to caste, she said. "There's also the Cisco case where California's Department of Fair Employment and Housing sued the tech giant for discriminating against a Dalit engineer based on his caste."

What is the status in India?

According to the Census (2011), there are an estimated 20 crore Dalits in India. To address the social discrimination that arose out of the practice of untouchability, the Constitution (Scheduled Castes) Order of 1950 was enacted, recognising Hindu Dalits as Scheduled Castes, later amended to include Dalits who had converted to Sikhism and Buddhism. The Supreme Court is hearing a bunch of petitions now seeking inclusion of Dalit Christians and Dalit Muslims as Scheduled Castes.

Article 15 of the Constitution lays down that no citizen shall be discriminated against on the grounds of religion, race, caste, sex, place of birth or any of them. The Constitution and a host of laws protect against caste discrimination in India, but despite stringent laws and reservation policies providing benefits to the marginalised, caste violence and discrimination continue. In 2021, 50,900 cases of crimes against Scheduled Castes (SCs) were registered, an increase of 1.2% over 2020 (50,291 cases), according to National Crime Records Bureau data. The rate of crime was particularly high in Madhya Pradesh (63.6 per lakh in a SC population of 113.4 lakh) and Rajasthan (61.6 per lakh in a SC population of 112.2 lakh).

Calling the Seattle ordinance a "great achievement," Suraj Yengde, who documented the everyday humiliations faced by Dalits in his book *Caste Matters*, said, "we need to own up to it and have a sense of shame that such discrimination still occurs. That's what the Seattle ordinance does, it makes it illegal to tarnish someone in the name of caste." Ms. Soundararajan, who writes about healing in her new book, *The Trauma of Caste*, said, "We hope that the Seattle ban opens the door for every city and nation to add caste to their non-discrimination policies."

PROFILES

A radical preacher

Amritpal Singh

The 30-year-old pro-Khalistan propagator says Punjab is facing 'a crisis of identity'

Vikas Vasudeva

SREEJITH R.KUMAR

On February 23, a violent mob, led by Amritpal Singh, a pro-Khalistan (sovereign state for Sikhs) propagator and self-styled Sikh preacher, stormed a police station in Punjab's Amritsar, in what he called a "show of strength". The protesters wanted one of their own to be released from police custody. The Aam Aadmi Party government of Punjab caved in to the demand.

The 30-year-old Amritpal does not have pretensions or niceties when it comes to his core beliefs. He openly says he draws "inspiration" from Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, the militant leader who was killed in 1984. He recently said "the Khalistan movement cannot be stopped from flourishing".

More often, he is seen wearing a navy blue turban and a white robe with a sword-sized *kirpan* (the sacred dagger of Sikhs), surrounded by gun-wielding guards – in a stark similarity with Bhindranwale.

He called the rally on February 23 to protest against the arrest of his close associate, Lovepreet Singh, alias Toofan Singh, in an alleged kidnapping and theft case. Scores of his supporters, carrying swords, guns and sharp-edged weapons, gathered at Ajnala in Amritsar. They alleged that the FIR was registered with a political motive; the mob clashed with police personnel and stormed the station. Eventually, Lovepreet Singh was released.

Mr. Amritpal's rise to fame or notoriety started last year when he took over as the head of the 'Waris Punjab De', a social organisation established by actor-turned-activist Deep Sidhu, who actively participated in the year-long farmers' agitation against the three farm laws drafted by the Centre and raised Punjab-centric issues. He was killed in a road accident in February last year.

Rich with symbolism

Mr. Amritpal rise was rich with symbolism from the very beginning. The anointment as head of the 'Waris Punjab De' took place in Rode village in Moga district, the native village of Bhindranwale. He has been speaking about secession and separatism and evoking calls for the "freedom" of Punjab and the creation of Khalistan. His activities such as the storming of police station have triggered a sense of disquiet in the State.

Born in Jallupur Khaira in Amritsar district, he spent his early days in the village and completed his school education there. In 2012, he went to Dubai to join his family's trucks-related business, which was started by his uncle, who had been settled in the emirate since 1994.

The Khalistan movement in Punjab may have lost popular support, but a host of incidents with Khalistan links occurred lately in Punjab, Haryana and Himachal Pradesh. And the rise of pro-Khalistan elements, including Mr. Amritpal, has rekindled fears of militancy, which had rocked Punjab in the 1980s.

Mr. Amritpal has been moving across Punjab, after he launched the 'Khalsa Vaheer', a traditional form of religious procession, which he says is aimed at bringing the youth closer to Sikhism. During public events, he preaches his radical views, glorifies the use of weapons and justifies the use of violence.

"Glorification of weapons" is not a crime, he once said. In an interview with *The Hindu*, Mr. Amritpal said, "...without violence, nothing can be established and this has been proved across the globe."

"We can't be mascots of non-violence. Right now, we don't have a sophisticated system; the day we have that system, our activities would be justified," he said. "Punjab is facing a crisis of identity – be it in India or in neighbouring Pakistan, we will continue our fight for our rights."

He said nobody can stop the Khalistan movement. "Indira Gandhi tried to do it. What was the result?" he asked.

The anti-woke populist

Vivek Ramaswamy

The Indian American entrepreneur, known for his hard right views, has joined the GOP race

Srinivasan Ramani

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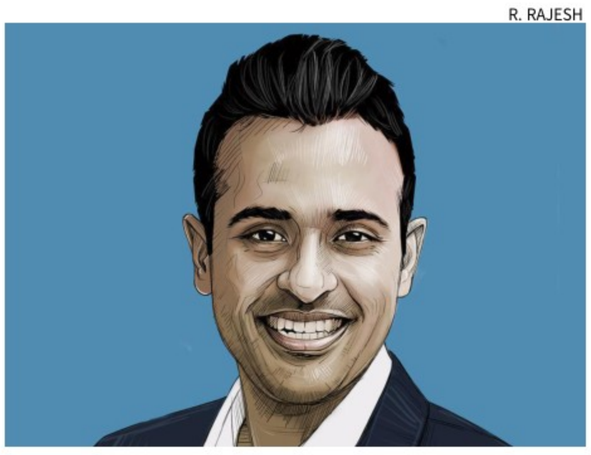

A year before the Presidential election is scheduled to begin in the U.S., a wealthy hedge fund partner and former biotechnology executive, Vivek Ramaswamy, announced his entry into the race for the Republican nomination in an appearance on the far-right talk show hosted by Tucker Carlsen on the *Fox News* channel.

Mr. Ramaswamy is not the first Indian-American to get into the fray – former Republican Governor Bobby Jindal from Louisiana had also tried his hand at the Republican primaries in 2016 and former Governor of South Carolina, Nikki Haley, is also a contestant for the 2024 race.

Indian-Americans overwhelmingly endorse the Democratic party – a recent Asian American Voter Survey in 2022 found 68% of respondents favouring the donkey over the elephant, highest among Asian American groups. But that has not deterred high profile Indian-Americans to hitch their wagons to the Republican Party by professing an assortment of conservative values.

Mr. Ramaswamy's unique pitch is in holding fort on right-wing populism, with a special emphasis on strident opposition to what he terms "woke'ism". A word that has its origins in Black American activism of the 20th century and meant "awareness" about racial prejudice and discrimination and opposition to it, it is now invoked pejoratively by conservatives to term any position related to affirmative action, social justice and government intervention and regulation.

Mr. Ramaswamy's pet peeve and over which he has had quite the bee in the bonnet about is "environmental, social and governance investing or E.S.G". Mr. Ramaswamy made a name for himself in conservative circles by his strident questioning of ESG practices, terming them unethical. He later secured financial support from prominent conservative financiers such as Peter Thiel in establishing Strive Asset Management, a vehicle that invests in large public companies and seeks to refocus them into profit maximisation without a recourse to ESG practices. Mr. Ramaswamy was the founder of a healthcare company, Roivant Sciences, that built subsidiary healthcare tech companies, focusing on drug development. These ventures earned him substantial wealth, which he plans to put into use in the campaign.

Culture war

Mr. Ramaswamy's politics is rooted in the Trumpian offshoot of right-wing populism that seeks to garner the mandate of the white middle and working class voters by attacking affirmative action and advocacy movements such as Black Lives Matter, gender-driven politics and targeting wealthy corporations seeking to use ESG practices as well. By reorienting the political battle between the Republicans and the Democrats as a new culture war, right wing populism has succeeded in dividing the working and middle classes on race and education lines.

Whether Mr. Ramaswamy's attempt as a political outsider succeeds as Donald Trump's ascent to the presidency did remains a tough question. Mr. Trump had far more of a public profile besides the fact that he belonged to the White American community that helped him overcome the GOP establishment in securing the presidency. Mr. Ramaswamy has none of those advantages, but by coming up with a unique ideological tool to promote right-wing populism, he caters well to the GOP discourse besides allowing the party to showcase its racial diversity.

The strident advocacy against progressivism of any kind will also allow Mr. Ramaswamy to gain the spotlight through appearances on networks such as *Fox* and some mileage, but as things stand, his candidacy is a clear long shot.

INBRIEF

'Bharat Auction process from March in north India'

The Bharat Auction model for tea, which is already functional in south India, will be introduced in north India from the end of March," secretary of Calcutta Tea Traders Association J. KalyanaSundaram said. The pilot project will be conducted on March 1 so that all the features get tested by stakeholders, following which the model will be introduced in Kolkata, Guwahati and Siliguri from March 22. PTI

India ranks 42 among 55 on International IP Index

India ranks 42nd among 55 leading global economies on the International IP Index released by the U.S. Chambers of Commerce. "As India's size and economic influence grows on the world stage, India is ripe to become a leader for emerging markets seeking to transform their economy through IP-driven innovation," Patrick Kilbride, senior vice president of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Global Innovation Policy Center, who publishes the annual report, said on Friday. PTI

India should take the lead in adopting AI tech: Ola CEO

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is a massive technology tool for increasing productivity and India should take a lead in adopting such technologies, Bhavish Aggarwal, co-founder and CEO of Ola Cabs, said on Saturday. Speaking at the ABP Network's Idea of India Summit here, he discounted the notion that embracing such technology would result in job losses. "While one can think that it (the adoption of AI) threatens jobs, "I see it as a massive technology tool for increasing productivity," he said. PTI

IMF, FSB to flesh out global crypto rules

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman pitched for a coordinated regulatory mechanism for such assets at the G20 meeting, a move broadly backed by U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen; the Reserve Bank of India has been seeking an outright ban on the use of crypto currencies and assets

The Hindu Bureau
NEW DELHI

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) and the Financial Stability Board (FSB) will formulate a technical paper in a bid to gain a coordinated global approach for regulation of crypto assets as proposed by the Indian Presidency of the G20. The paper will be presented for consideration at the next meeting of G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors scheduled in October.

While the RBI has been pitching for an outright ban on the use of crypto assets, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has made the case for a coordinated regulatory mechanism for such assets rather than individual countries adopting different stances. The idea had found backing from U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet Yellen, who also mooted international cooperation to set high regulatory standards for crypto assets and steps to reduce the cost of cross-border payments.

To weigh the broader macroeconomic and financial stability implications of crypto assets, India had urged the IMF to prepare a discussion paper that was discussed at a seminar titled "Policy Perspectives: Debating the Road to Policy Consensus on Crypto Assets" at the G20 Finance and Central Bank Deputies meeting in Bengaluru.

Toning up: Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman addresses a news conference at the end of G20 meeting in Bengaluru. REUTERS

The paper by the division chief in the IMF's Monetary and Capital Markets Department, Tommaso Mancini-Griffoli, noted the consequences of crypto adoption on the internal and external stability of a country's economy as well as on the structure of its financial system, according to an official statement.

Benefits versus risks

"Mr. Mancini-Griffoli underlined that the purported benefits of crypto assets include cheaper and faster cross border payments, more integrated financial markets, and increased financial inclusion, but these are yet to be realised. He further added that problems with interoperability, safety and efficiency cannot be guaranteed by the private sector and critical digital infrastructure/platforms for ledgers should be viewed as a public good," the Finance Ministry said.

The IMF official also flagged the global information gaps pertaining to the crypto asset universe and the need to build a deeper understanding of the interlinkages, opportunities and risks from crypto assets at the G20 forum.

There was a consensus that there is an existential question on whether crypto assets are the optimal solution for existing global financial system challenges, the Ministry said.

IMF stresses crucial need to fix global debt architecture

The Hindu Bureau
BENGALURU

Sovereign debt vulnerabilities, already elevated before the pandemic, have been exacerbated by the shocks stemming from COVID-19 and Russia's war against Ukraine, and the international community must come together to find solutions for the most vulnerable members of the global family, International Monetary Fund Managing Director Kristalina Georgieva said on Saturday.

"This calls for urgent action to strengthen the international financial architecture, especially in the area of debt resolution and

I strongly endorse efforts to improve the speed and effectiveness of debt resolution

strengthening the global financial safety net," Ms. Georgieva said at a meeting of G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors. This was particularly the case for developing and low-income countries with very limited policy space and huge development needs, she pointed out.

The IMF chief's comments come in the backdrop of the South Asian nations of Sri Lanka, Bangladesh and Pakistan seeking urgent funds from the Fund amid acute economic stress.

China, the largest bilateral creditor, urged G20 to conduct a fair, objective and in-depth analysis of the causes of global debt issues as clamour grows for lenders to accept losses on loans, Reuters reported.

With global growth set to slow in 2023, too many people in too many countries were struggling to make ends meet, the IMF chief cautioned. "In light of rising debt vulnerabilities... I strongly endorse efforts to improve the speed and effectiveness of debt resolution," she added.

Yellen for 'friendshoring' with 'biggest' trading partner India

Press Trust of India
BENGALURU

Terming India the biggest trading partner, U.S. Treasury Secretary Janet L. Yellen on Saturday pitched for advancing an approach called "friendshoring" to bolster the resilience of supply chains.

"As President Biden has said, India is an indispensable partner to the United States," she said while addressing a roundtable with U.S. and Indian tech business leaders on the sidelines of G20 Finance Ministers and Central Bank Governors Meeting here.

"The U.S. is India's biggest trading partner. In

Janet L. Yellen

2021, our bilateral trade was over $150 billion," Ms. Yellen said. "Our people-to-people ties affirm the closeness of our relationship. 200,000 Indians are studying in America and enriching our schools and universities."

We depend on each other on a daily basis: Indians use WhatsApp to communicate and many American companies rely on Infosys to operate," she said.

"As we look towards the future, I am eager to deepen our ties in the technology sector. The U.S. is advancing an approach called 'friendshoring' to bolster the resilience of our supply chains. We are doing this by strengthening integration with our many trusted trading partners - including India."

"We are seeing progress; as an example, technology companies like Apple and Google have expanded their phone production in India," she said.

TI Clean Mobility to raise ₹3,000 cr. to fuel EV plans

The Hindu Bureau
CHENNAI

TI Clean Mobility Pvt. Ltd. (TICMPL) has signed definitive documents with Tube Investments of India Ltd. (TII), Multiples Private Equity Fund lll, SBI and other co-investors to raise ₹1,950 crore to fuel its EV business through organic and inorganic routes.

The investment will be in the form of equity and compulsorily convertible preference shares.

The total investment by Multiples, SBI and other co-investors is ₹1,200 crore, the TII subsidiary said in a regulatory filing.

TII's total investment would be ₹750 crore, of which ₹639 crore had already been invested by way of equity and inter corporate deposit.

M.A.M Arunachalam

Further, TICMPL plans to raise additional funding of ₹1,050 crore by the end of March 2024, thereby taking the total fund raise to ₹3,000 crore.

The proposed fund raising would help scale operations through acquisitions and capital expenditure of TICMPL and its subsidiaries, the company said.

TICMPL has already unveiled a passenger e-three wheeler. The company, through its subsidiaries, is driving the design and development of electric tractors and electric heavy commercial vehicles.

"The confidence reposed by esteemed investors such as Multiples and SBI will give TICMPL the necessary impetus to fulfil our ambition by scaling our operations through organic and inorganic means," said M.A.M Arunachalam, chairman TII and TICMPL.

"Our group's experience across segments such as auto components, vehicle finance, agri business and motors will give us the unique ability to build a large EV native OEM," said executive vice chairman S. Vellayan.

Pak. said to halt clearance of bills amid financial crisis

Press Trust of India
ISLAMABAD

The cash-strapped Pakistan government has directed the accountant general to cease the clearing of bills, including salaries, owing to the current economic crisis, according to a media report on Saturday.

The Ministry of Finance and Revenue also instructed the Accountant General of Pakistan Revenues (AGPR) to halt the clearing of all the bills of the federal ministries/divisions and attached departments until further notice, The News International quoted official sources as saying.

Pakistan's foreign exchange reserves have now risen closer to $4 billion.

Lingering chip shortage hampering Renault India's CY23 output plans: MD

N. Anand
CHENNAI

French auto major Renault's Indian unit's production plans for the calendar year 2023 have been hampered by the global semi-conductor shortage, said CEO and MD Venkatram Mamillapalle.

"We cannot say that semiconductor shortage issue is over. It is there a little bit. But it is not as bad as last year," Mr. Mamillapalle said in an interview.

During CY22, Renault India sold over 1.14 lakh cars, of which 27,232 units were exported. For CY23, the company plans to retain the same numbers.

Venkatram Mamillapalle

Asked about Renault's plans for 2023, the MD said: "We are not launching any new cars in 2023. We keep refreshing our product line-up. We have recently upgraded our entire range (Kwid, Triber and Kiger) to meet the government's BS-6 Step 2 emission norms along with enhanced safety features."

Renault stopped producing its compact sport utility vehicle (SUV) Duster since February 2022, as the sales were declining. The company officials said that a new vehicle would be introduced soon, but it was not clear whether it would be under the Duster label.

Mr. Mamillapalle said that the auto major had announced a 4-5% increase in price of all variants due to increase in input costs, fluctuation in forex rate, inflation, and regulatory obligations.

"But we were the first ones to launch our cars with BS6 2.0 complaint engines, even as our peers are rolling out vehicle with BS6.1 emission norms. The competition will come out with BS6.2 emission norms by March or April," he said.

To a question about the capex, he said that the firm was investing a sum of ₹5,300 crore in the alliance plant Renault Nissan Automotive India Pvt. Ltd., which would see the introduction of six new models including four SUVs and two small electric cars beginning 2025.

"This investment is very significant not only on products, but also on technologies like EV to capture the growing Indian market," he said.

PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my clients have agreed to purchase the Schedule property from its owners: Sri.Rajaram Gupta, his wife Smt.Shwetha Gupta and their children Ms.Anisha Gupta and Ms.Aanya Gupta, residing at: Apt No.304, Sobha Dew Flower, 4th Cross, Sarakki Road, JP Nagar 1st Phase, Bangalore-560078.

Apart from the said Owners, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule Property by the aforesaid Owners, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 10 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

All the piece and parcel of the residential property bearing Municipal No.266, PID No.46-5-266, measuring East to West 125 ft and North to South 98 ft, with a building thereon, situated at 3rd Main Road, Appajappa Agrahara, Chamarajpet, Bangalore and bounded on:

East by : Conservancy
West by : Appajappa Agrahara Road
North by : Channamma's property
South by : 3rd Main Road.

Sd/- Goutam Chand S.F
Advocate
Goutam Associates
No.60, 2nd Floor, Kanakapura Road,
Basavanagudi, Bangalore – 560 004

PUBLIC NOTICE

My Clients, **Sri. PAWAN KOTHARI, S/o. Sri. Mool Chand Kothari & his wife Smt. JAYSHREE KOTHARI,** both residing at No. 580, Balaji Residency, SF-3, 13th Cross, Kenchanahalli Main Road, Ideal Home Society, Rajarajeshwari Nagar, Bengaluru-560 098 intends to purchase the SCHEDULE PROPERTY from its the owners **(1) Mr. NAZEER KHAN, (2) Mr. ZAHEER KHAN and (3) Mr. GULZAR KHAN,** all are children of Late Addul Rouf Khan & Late Zafrunnisa, all R/at No. 56/4, 4th Cross, Lalbagh Road, K. S. Garden, Bengaluru-560 027.

1. That if any person/s, Bank/s, Authorities has/have any claim over the schedule property and/or any objection for the transaction, they shall within **8 [eight] days** from today, shall register the same in writing, together with documentary proof of the same with the under signed.

2. That if no objection or claims is registered with in the said period, it will be deemed that the schedule property is free from all encumbrances, charges, objections and claims and my clients have right to proceed with transaction to purchase the schedule property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Property Now bearing Municipal **No. 56/4,** PID No. 48-37-56/4, situated at **4th Cross, Lalbagh Road, Bangalore,** earlier identified as Eastern portion of the Property bearing No. 56/4, Old No. 4, formed in land bearing Survey No. 18/1, situated at **Agrahara Thimmasandra Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk,** measuring East to West: 18.00 feet, North to South: 50.00 feet, in all **900 Sq.feet,** together with construction and the entire property bounded on:

East by : Remaining portion of Property No. 4, West by : Western portion of Property bearing No. 56, Now bearing no. 56/4-1, North by : Road, South by : Private Property.

DAYA SHANKAR Advocate
No. 227, VENKATADRI, I Floor, 5th C Main, REMCO Layout, Hampinagar, Bangalore-560 104. Cell No. 9845081939.

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2. That if no objection or claims is registered with in the said period, it will be deemed that the schedule property is free from all encumbrances, charges, objections and claims and my clients have right to proceed with transaction to purchase the schedule property.

SCHEDULE

All that piece and parcel of Property Now bearing Municipal **No. 56/4-1,** PID No. 48-37-56/4-1, situated at **4th Cross, Lalbagh Road, Bangalore,** earlier identified as Western portion of the Property bearing No. 56/4, Old No. 4, formed in land bearing Survey No. 18/1, situated at **Agrahara Thimmasandra Village, Kasaba Hobli, Bangalore North Taluk,** measuring East to West: 15.00 feet, North to South: 50.00 feet, in all **750 Sq. feet,** together with construction and the entire property bounded on:

East by : Eastern portion of Property bearing No. 56, Now bearing no. 56/4, West by : Slum Dwellers, North by : Road, South by : Private Property.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

It is hereby notified that, my client intends to purchase the Schedule property from its Owners: **Sri.Balaji G.N and Sri.Krishna Narayan G.N** (sons of Late Sri.Narayan Murthy G)residing at No.118/3, Bull Temple Road Cross, K.G. Nagar, Nagaraja Layout, Bangalore – 560 019.

Apart from the said Owners, if any other person/s have any manner of right, title and or interest or claim or charge or lien over the Schedule property or otherwise have any lawful objection/s for sale of the Schedule Property by the aforesaid Owners, they are hereby called upon to file their objection/s in writing, along with the photocopies of documents on which they rely, with the undersigned, within 14 days from the date of publication of this notice. Objection/s received thereafter will not be binding on my clients.

SCHEDULE

ITEM NO.I: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Municipal Nos.118 and 118/1measuring East to West: 52.6 ft and North to South: 40 ft along with building thereon, situated at Bull Temple Road Cross, Nagaraja Layout, Kempegowdanagar, Bangalore and bounded on:

East by : Premises No.115/2 and 115/3.
West by : Private Property
North by : Premises No.118/2 and 118/3.
South by : Premises belonging to Raja Venkataramaiah.

ITEM NO.II: All that piece and parcel of the property bearing Municipal Nos.118/2 and 118/3 measuring East to West:52.6ft and North to South:48.3ft along with building thereon, situated at Bull Temple Road Cross, Nagaraja Layout, Kempegowdanagar, Bangalore and bounded on:

East by : Premises No.115 and 115/1
West by : Property belonging to Sri.L.T.Subbu
North by : Bull Temple Road Cross.
South by : Premises No.118 and 118/1

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BEFORE THE HON'BLE DEBTS RECOVERY TRIBUNAL
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O.A.NO.23 OF 2023

Between :
Punjab National Bank, Circle Sastra Center, D.No.27-33-40, 1st Floor, Gudavallivari Street, Governorpet, Vijayawada-2
Represented by its Chief Manager ...APPLICANT
1) Mrs.Anamaya Fire Proction Company, Rep By Ande Venkata Ramanaiah, S/o Lachaiah, D.No.17/229, Purushotam Reddy Bulding, Opp.Venkataramana Hotel, Yedlavari Street, Nellore-534001
2) Ande Venkata Ramanaiah, S/o Lachaiah, D.No.1,171A, 14th Cross Road RA, Near Ejipura Bus Stand, Vivek Nagar, Bangalore South, Bangalore-560047 ....DEFENDANTS

SUMMONS BY WAY OF PAPER PUBLICATION to D1 & 2

WHEREAS the applicant has instituted on application U/s 19 of the Recovery of Debts Due to Banks and Financial Institutions Act, 1993 against you for the recovery of sum mentioned therein together with current and future interest and other reliefs. You are hereby summoned to appear and file written statement before this Tribunal at **10.30 A.M** of such time immediately thereafter according to the convenience of Tribunal on **29-03-2023** to answer the claim.

2) You are directed to collect the O.A.Book on your appearance before the Tribunal.
3) If you intend to file any documents you may file the same with a list along with the written statement.
4) You should file your registered address and a memo of appearance when you enter appearance before the Tribunal either in person or by a Pleader/Advocate duly instructed.
5) Take notice that, in default of your appearance on the day mentioned herein before, the proceeding will be heard and determined in your absence.

Given under my hand and seal of this Tribunal on this 16th Day of February, 2023.

Signature of the Officer
Authorised to issue Summons

NO. 1, INDEED!

Anderson sinks New Zealand after England declaration

Top-ranked bowler James Anderson reduced New Zealand to 138 for seven on day two of the second Test at Wellington on Saturday. **The scores:** England 435/8 decl. in 87.1 overs (Joe Root 153 n.o., Harry Brook 186, Matt Henry 4/100) vs New Zealand 138/7 in 42 overs (James Anderson 3/37, Jack Leach 3/45).

DEPUTY

Deepti named UP Warriorz vice-captain in WPL

Ace Indian all-rounder Deepti Sharma was on Saturday announced as the vice-captain of UP Warriorz in the upcoming Women's Premier League. "Along with captain Alyssa Healy, and the other senior players, we hope we can make the team function well and play some fantastic cricket," Deepti said in a statement.

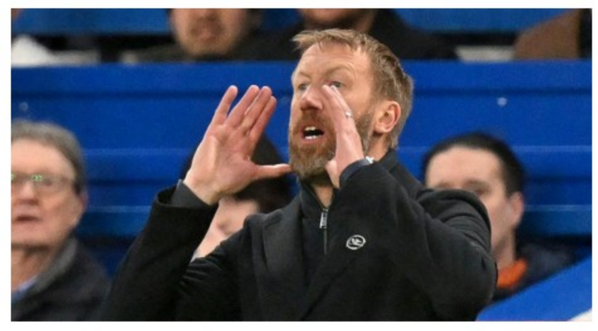
TWO IN A ROW

Medvedev spoils Murray's party, emerges champion in Doha

Daniil Medvedev defeated Andy Murray 6-4, 6-4 in the Qatar Open final on Saturday to win his second ATP title in a week. The Russian had won in Rotterdam seven days earlier. Murray had saved five match points to beat Jiri Lehecka 6-0, 3-6, 7-6(6) in the semifinal while Medvedev had beaten Felix Auger-Aliassime 6-4, 7-6(7).

INTIMIDATION

Chelsea manager Potter says he received death threats



Chelsea manager Graham Potter said he and his family received death threats in the wake of the team's poor form. Potter said on Friday he was targeted by an anonymous email account and spoke of the toll that recent months have taken on him personally. Potter was hired in September to succeed the fired Thomas Tuchel.

Invincible Australia looms for South Africa

Home team openers Wolvaardt and Brits are in top form and will be vital to its chances against the Aussies who are five-time champions and will be featuring in their seventh successive final

WOMEN'S T20 WC

Press Trust of India
CAPE TOWN

A fairytale finish awaits South Africa if it can find a way to halt the Australian juggernaut in the Women's T20 World Cup final here on Sunday.

South Africa showed commendable fighting spirit to upset England in the semifinal but will need to come up with the perfect game to topple the mighty Australians, who are record five-time champions and in their seventh successive final.

South Africa has made rapid strides over the past 12 months and after making the semifinals of the ODI World Cup last year, entered its maiden final of an ICC event, that too at home, on Friday.

In Laura Wolvaardt and Tazmin Brits, a former World junior javelin champion whose Olympic dream was shattered in a 2012 car accident, South Africa has one of the best opening pairs in the tournament.

They both go into the final in top form and are vital to the team's chances against Australia who managed to beat India in the semifinals despite not being at its best.

Day of reckoning: South Africa will hope to repeat scenes like this when it chases its World Cup dream. AFP

All-rounder Marizanne Kapp is another important player for the hosts and produced a much-needed cameo in the semifinals. Skipper Sune Luus thinks she has the world's best bowling attack at her disposal and why not when you have the express pace duo of Shabnam Ismail and Ayabonga Khaka.

The teams:

Australia: Meg Lanning (Capt.), Alyssa Healy, Darcie Brown, Ashleigh Gardner, Kim Garth, Heather Graham, Grace Harris, Jess Jonassen, Alana King, Tahlia McGrath, Beth Mooney, Ellyse Perry, Megan Schutt, Annabel Sutherland and Georgia Wareham.

South Africa: Sune Luus (Capt.), Annerie Dercksen, Marizanne Kapp, Lara Goodall, Ayabonga Khaka, Chloe Tryon, Nadine de Klerk, Shabnim Ismail, Tazmin Brits, Masabata Klaas, Laura Wolvaardt, Sinalo Jafta, Nonkululeko Mlaba, Anneke Bosch and Delmi Tucker.

Umpires: Kim Cotton and Jacqueline Williams; **TV Umpire:** Suzanne Redfern; **Fourth Umpire:** Nimali Perera. **Match Referee:** G.S. Lakshmi.

Match starts at 6.30 p.m. IST.

'I was considered a failed captain for not winning an ICC trophy'

Press Trust of India
NEW DELHI

Former India skipper Virat Kohli says he was labelled a "failed" captain for not winning an ICC trophy.

Under Kohli's captaincy, India fell short in the 2017 Champions Trophy (final), 2019 World Cup (semifinal), 2021 World Test Championship (final) besides suffering a premature exit from the 2021 T20 World Cup in the UAE.

But Kohli said a lot was made out of the losses given that he was part of the 2011 World Cup-winning side, 2013 Champions Trophy champion outfit under M.S. Dhoni and also a member of the team that won five Test maces.

"After three ICC tournaments – we reached the final of the 2017 Champions Trophy, semifinals of the (2019) 50-over World Cup, the final of (World) Test Championship – I was considered a failed captain," said Kohli in the RCB Podcast Season 2.

The former captain said he prided himself for the "cultural changes" he was able to bring into the team.

"I never judged myself from that point of view (defeats in ICC tournaments). What we ended up achieving as a team and as a cultural change for me, that's always going to be a matter of pride."

Kohli. PTI

The Dhoni bond

Kohli shares a strong bond with Dhoni and that reflected in the manner in which he talked about the World Cup-winning skipper.

"What is interesting is that throughout my tough phase, my wife Anushka has been the biggest source of strength for me because she has been with me the whole time.

"The only other person who, apart from my childhood coach and family, genuinely reached out to me was MS," said Kohli, who shared the dressing room with Dhoni for 11 years (2008-19). He calls the man from Ranchi his 'captain forever'.

Thomas Cup triumph a special moment for Indian sports: Aparna

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Aparna Popat. FILE PHOTO

Two-time Olympian Aparna Popat hailed the Indian men's badminton team's triumph at the Thomas Cup last year as a "special moment for Indian sports."

"The Thomas Cup victory was a very special one because it was a gold medal at a world team event which is something distinct in an individual sport like badminton," said Aparna, part of the jury for the *Sportstar* Aces Awards.

"It's not only that India won the tournament but also because it beat countries like Indonesia and Denmark which are known for their prowess in the sport. We really punched above our weight. We had a team with great potential, but to go out there and win it was truly special," Aparna said.

Reflecting on the Indian shuttlers' show in 2022, Aparna said, "We performed extremely well, especially Satwik [Rankireddy] and Chirag [Shetty]. Lakshya [Sen] has been a great talent and has come into his own with some good results. Earlier we were looking for a medal or two, but we are now looking for multiple medals even at the Olympics and Asian Games. We are hoping to cement our position in the world of badminton."

The 2023 edition of the Aces Awards will be held in Mumbai on February 27. The event is powered by IDFC First Bank and supported by Indian Oil, India Cements, United India, Ramaiah University, Experimenta Science Center GD Naidu Charity, Finolex Pipes, LIC, BPCL, Samsonite, Big Basket, Nippon Paint, CRICHQ, Casagrand.

Arsenal keeps its nose in front

Crucial strike: Martinelli, centre, squeezes the ball past Leicester's goalkeeper Ward for Arsenal's winner. AP

EURO LEAGUES

Agencies
LONDON

Arsenal maintained its place atop the English Premier League by beating Leicester 1-0, thanks to Gabriel Martinelli's goal early in the second half on Saturday.

Leandro Trossard, who had a first-half goal disallowed, slipped a pass through to Martinelli and the Brazil winger cut in from the left to poke a low finish just inside the far post in the 46th minute.

That ensured Arsenal will end the day five points ahead of Manchester City.

The results: On Saturday: Premier League: Everton 0 lost to Aston Villa 2 (Watkins 63-pen, Buendia 81); Leeds 1 (Firpo 77) bt Southampton 0; Leicester 0 lost to Arsenal 1 (Martinelli 46); West Ham 4 (Ings 70, 73, Rice 78, Antonio 85) bt Nottingham Forest 0.

Bundesliga: RB Leipzig 2 (Werner 6, Forsberg 40) bt Eintracht Frankfurt 1 (Sow 61); Cologne 0 lost to Wolfsburg 2 (Gerhardt 4, Arnold 68-pen); Hoffenheim 0 lost to Borussia Dortmund 1 (Brandt 43); Hertha Berlin 2 (Richter 61, Lukebakio 70) bt Augsburg 0; Werder Bremen 3 (Fullkrug 29, Schmidt 43, Ducksch 59) bt Bochum 0.

On Friday: Premier League: Fulham 1 (Solomon 64) drew with Wolves 1 (Sarabia 23).

LaLiga: Elche 2 (Fidel 7-pen, Boye 9) lost to Real Betis 3 (Iglesias 65-pen, Miranda 68, Willian Jose 90+5-pen).

Bundesliga: Mainz 4 (Jae-sung 25, Ingvartsen 49, Ajorque 71, Weiper 90+3) bt Borussia M'Gladbach 0.

Purcell surmounts Medjedovic's challenge, meets Duckworth in final

BENGALURU OPEN

N. Sudarshan
BENGALURU

Australian tennis players in India seem to be having a better time than their cricket counterparts. On Sunday, James Duckworth and Max Purcell will clash in the singles final of the dafaNEWS Bengaluru Open ATP Challenger.

At the KSLTA courts on Saturday, Duckworth easily despatched compatriot and qualifier James McCabe 6-3, 6-3, before Purcell overcame a spirited challenge from Serbia's Hamad Medjedovic 6-2, 5-7, 7-6(4) to give himself a shot at winning a second straight Challenger after his success in Chennai.

Taking it to decider

Purcell could have secured the result much earlier, having served for the match at 5-4 in the second set.

But his 19-year-old opponent broke twice in the span of three games to stretch the contest into the decider.

Until then, Medjedovic had only displayed shades of the tennis he was capable of. Rather, Purcell didn't allow him to find his big game.

The 2022 Wimbledon doubles champion, with his varied style of which the backhand slice was a principal part, gave Medjedovic no pace to work with, requiring the Serb to do all the hard work.

While Medjedovic' s serve was erratic, Purcell's was excellent, but for the second game of the second set when he was broken.

On a roll: Purcell has put himself in line for a second straight title, after his Chennai success. K. MURALI KUMAR

The Aussie, who won 82% of his first-serve points, recovered and when he broke to 5-4 in the second set, the match was as good as over.

Rising from the dead

But Medjedovic rose from the dead, finding his biggest serves when he needed them the most, like from 0-30, 5-5, before clinching the set 7-5.

In the third, Medjedovic had a look at the Purcell serve in the second game and Purcell at Medjedovic's in the ninth before it slipped into a tie-break.

But once there, Medjedovic wilted under the pressure.

Mini-break

An ill-advised drop shot - of which there were many - that didn't cross the net gave Purcell a mini-break, and from 5-4, the World No. 155 closed it out with two fine first serves.

Later in doubles, the Korean-Taipei pair of Yunseong Chung and Yu Hsiou Hsu saved a match-point in the second set tie-breaker to defeat India's Anirudh Chandrasekar and N. Vijay Sundar Prashanth 3-6, 7-6 (7), [11-9].

ATK MB wins Kolkata Derby, finishes third

Finishing touch: Petratos' strike made it 2-0 for ATK MB. FOCUS SPORTS/ISL

ISL-9

Amitabha Das Sharma
KOLKATA

ATK Mohun Bagan continued its impressive run against archrival East Bengal in the Indian Super League with a 2-0 win in the second Kolkata Derby of the ninth edition here on Saturday.

Slavko Damjanovic and Dimitri Petratos got their names on the scorers' list as ATK MB sealed third spot in the table.

Though the Kolkata giant finished level with Bengaluru FC on points (34), it was ranked third on goal difference. It will now host Odisha on March 4 in the battle for a semifinal spot.

The opening half was insipid as both sides failed to show any spark in the attacking third. The contest came alive after the change of ends when the teams started making forays with more purpose. After a spell of intense attacks, ATK MB found the breakthrough in the 68th minute when Manvir Singh flicked a Petratos corner to the tall Damjanovic who found the target off the second attempt.

The win was sealed by Petratos in the 90th minute who swooped in on the rebound after substitute Kiyan Nassiri's attempt was blocked by East Bengal goalkeeper Kamaljit Singh.

The result: East Bengal 0 lost to ATK Mohun Bagan 2 (Damjanovic 68, Petratos 90).

INBRIEF

Sharath, Sathiyan and Manika to lead Indian challenge

Sharath Kamal, G. Sathiyan and Manika Batra will spearhead the Indian challenge at the World Table Tennis (WTT) Star Contender, scheduled to be held in Panjim from February 27 to March 5. Sharath, along with Sathiyan, Payas Jain and Wesley Do Rosario, will lead the charge in the men's singles draw for India while the women's singles will see Manika spearhead the challenge along with Sreeja Akula and Suhana Saini. The main draw will begin on March 1 after two days of qualification.

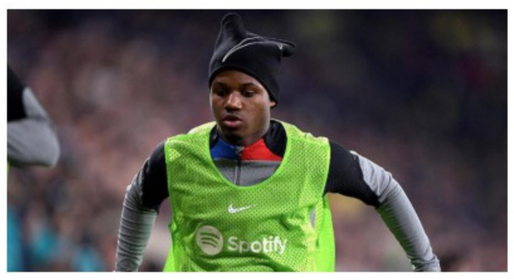
India junior women's hockey team holds South Africa-A 4-4

The Indian junior women's hockey team rallied to hold South Africa-A to a 4-4 draw on Friday.

The result: South Africa-A 4 (Quanita Bobbs 2, Biamca Wood, Tarryn Lombard) drew with India 4 (Neelam, Deepika Sr. 2, Taranpreet Kaur).

Mahindra Racing withdraws from Cape Town E-Prix

In a major setback to its championship hopes, Mahindra Racing on Saturday withdrew from the Formula E race in Cape Town due to safety concerns over rear suspension. Mahindra made the decision during the qualifying ahead of the Cape Town E-Prix, and following practice, where its driver Lucas di Grassi had pulled off the circuit with a broken rear suspension.



Barcelona forward Ansu Fati out with bruised knee

Barcelona forward Ansu Fati has been sidelined by a bruised knee. The 20-year-old Ansu hurt his left knee in training. He will likely be unavailable for the game at Almeria on Sunday.

Kiran George stuns Prannoy; Srikanth beats Meiraba

Kiran George pulled off the biggest upset of the Yonex Sunrise 84th National senior badminton championships, packing off the top-seeded H.S. Prannoy 21-12, 21-15 in the second round in Pune on Saturday. Meanwhile, second seed K. Srikanth suffered a scare against Manipur's Maisnam Meiraba before winning 21-19, 18-21, 21-17.

Ankit Gulia lands a bronze in international ranking-series

Greco Roman wrestler Ankit Gulia (72kg) has claimed a bronze medal in the Ibrahim Moustafa ranking-series in Alexandria, Egypt. Ankit, who lost 9-0 to Georgian Otar Abuladze, defeated Nurzhigit Keneshbek Uulu of Kyrgyzstan 9-0 in the repechage round. The Indian benefitted when Iranian 67kg Olympic champion Mohammadreza Abdolhamid Geraei withdrew from the bronze medal match due to an injury.

LIVE TELECAST

NBA: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 7 a.m.

Golf: Indian Open, Eurosport (SD & HD), 12.30 p.m.

I-League: Eurosport (SD & HD), 5 p.m.

Serie A: Jio Cinema App, 5, 7.30, 10.30 p.m. & 1.15 a.m. (Monday).

ATP Bengaluru Open: Sports 18-1 (SD & HD) & Jio Cinema App, 6 p.m.

Women's T20 World Cup: Final, Star Sports 2 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 6.30 p.m.

LaLiga: Jio Cinema App, 6.30, 8.45, 11 p.m. & 1.30 a.m. (Monday).

PVL: Sony Sports Ten 1, 2, 3 (SD & HD) & LIV, 7 p.m.

ISL: Star Sports 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 7.30 p.m.

Bundesliga: Sony LIV, 8 p.m.; Sony Sports Ten 2 (SD & HD) & LIV, 10 p.m.

Premier League: SS Select 1 (SD & HD) & Hotstar, 8.30, 11 p.m. & 1.15 a.m. (Monday).

England vs New Zealand: Second Test, day 4, Prime Video, 3.30 a.m. (Monday).

Siem moves a stroke behind Paul, sets up a thrilling finale

Ahlawat emerges the new flag-bearer for the host after a 68 and moves a spot ahead of overnight Indian front-runner Cheema

INDIAN OPEN

Rakesh Rao
GURUGRAM

With the Indians failing to rise to the occasion, the German-duo of overnight leader Yannik Paul and strong title-contender Marcel Siem made it a two-horse race going into the final round of the $2 million Hero Indian Open at the DLF Golf and Country Club here.

Saturday proved a better day for a number of golfers. But Paul was left relieved to finish at one-under 71 for a three-round aggregate of 11-under 205. Siem shot a 67 and reduced the overnight five-stroke gap, with Paul, to one.

A further two-stroke behind Siem was Dutchman Joost Luiten who enjoyed a three-stroke cushion over Veer Ahlawat, Spaniard Jorge Campillo and Dane Thorborn Olesen.

Ahlawat became the new flag-bearer for the host after a 68 and moved a spot ahead of overnight Indian front-runner Angad Cheema (73). Honey Baisoya (73) stayed a stroke behind Angad.

Profitable day: Siem set up a birdie-birdie finish with a flawless iron-play. SPECIAL ARRANGEMENT

Five birdies on the first 10 holes saw Ahlawat gatecrash into the top-five but a bogey on the 14th hole slowed him down.

Early hiccups

In the title race, Paul stayed ahead for the third successive day but not before some early hiccups. A par-bogey-bogey start saw Paul down to 8-under while Siem's birdies on the first and fourth holes placed him at 7-under.

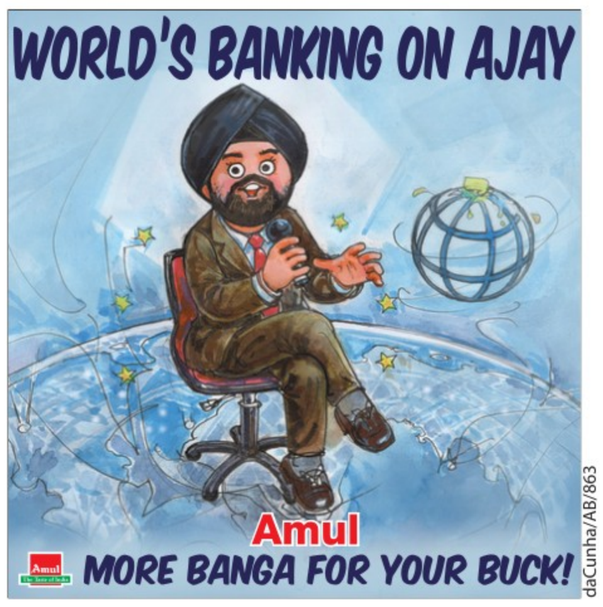
Paul needed to do something special to tighten his loosening grip and he did that. A hat-trick of birdies from the sixth hole saw him move to 11-under. He did drop a shot on the 16th hole but a measured approach shot to reach the mounted green on the picturesque 17th hole set up his day's last birdie.

Meanwhile, Siem added a birdie on the eighth hole for a front-nine 33. He moved closer to Paul with an 11th-hole birdie. Like Paul, Siem too had a lone bogey on the back-nine but did not lose his focus. His flawless iron-play set up a birdie-birdie finish.

The scores (third round, Indians unless stated): 205 - Yannik Paul (Ger) (65, 69, 71); 206 - Marcel Siem (Ger) (69, 70, 67); 208 - Joost Luiten (Ned) (70, 70, 68); 211 - Jorge Campillo (Esp) (73, 71, 67); Veer Ahlawat (73, 70, 68); Thorborn Olesen (Den) (73, 72, 66).

Other Indians: 212 - Angad Cheema (68, 71, 73); 213 - Honey Baisoya (66, 74, 73); 215 - Yashas Chandra (71, 71, 73); 216 - Gaganjeet Bhullar (75, 73, 68); Shubhankar Sharma (68, 74, 74); Manu Gandas (70, 73, 73); Sachin Baisoya (75, 69, 72); 217 - Kartik Sharma (74, 73, 70).

Shiv Kapur (75, 73, 69); 218 - Yuvraj Sandhu (70, 71, 77); 219 - S. S. P. Chawrasia (75, 73, 71); S. Chikkarangappa (75, 69, 75); 220 - Karandeep Kochhar (77, 70, 74); 222 - M. Dharma (70, 78, 75); 226 - Khalin Joshi (72, 75, 79).



Govind, Anamika, Anupama enter final

BOXING

Sports Bureau

Govind Sahani (48kg), Anamika Hooda (50kg) and Anupama Kundu (81kg) won their respective semi-final bouts to enter the finals of the 74th Strandja Memorial International boxing tournament in Sofia on Saturday.

Asian bronze medallist Govind moved in and out to land his punches on target and beat Georgia's Luka Kublashvili 4-1. He will take on Uzbek Shodiyorjon Melikuziev in the final.

In the women's section, Anamika (50kg) beat Wassila Lkhadiri of France 4-1. She will meet Hu Meiyi of China next.

Asian silver medallist Anupama (81kg) got the better of Jessica Bagley of Australia 3-2 and will face another Aussie Emma-Sue Greentree in the title clash.

The results (semifinals):

Men: 48kg: Govind Sahani bt Luka Kublashvili (Geo) 4-1; **51kg:** Ramon Quiroga (Arg) bt Bishwamitra Chongtham 3-2; **54kg:** Radev Yasen (Bul) bt Sachin Siwach Jr. ABD-R3.

Women: 48kg: Saidakhon Rakhmonova (Uzb) bt S. Kalaivani 5-0; **50kg:** Anamika Hooda bt Wassila Lkhadiri (Fra) 4-1; **70kg:** Christina Desmond (Irl) bt Shruti Yadav 5-0; **81kg:** Anupama bt Jessica Bagley (Aus) 3-2; **+81kg:** Aynur Rzayeva (Aze) bt Monika 5-0.

On Friday: Quarterfinals: Men: 57kg: Artur Bazeyan (Arm) bt Mohd. Hussamuddin 5-0; **Women: 63kg:** Keona Sam-Sin (Ned) bt Mahi Lamba 5-0.

Assam, Tamil Nadu make u-15 boys' final

TABLE TENNIS

Sports Bureau
ALAPPUZHA

Assam and Tamil Nadu entered the under-15 boys' inter-State team final of the UTT 84th National sub-junior table tennis at the YMCA's N.C. John Memorial Arena here. Assam thrashed Maharashtra 3-0 for its maiden final while Tamil Nadu edged past West Bengal 3-2.

The results (team championship): Semifinals: Assam bt Maharashtra 3-0 (Divyaj Rajkhowa Roy bt Rohan Dani 11-8, 9-11, 11-6, 6-11, 11-5, Priyanuj Bhattacharyya bt Udit Sachdev 11-5, 10-12, 11-1, 11-6, Divyaj / Priyanuj bt Rohan / Udit 11-8, 12-10, 4-11, 11-8).
Tamil Nadu bt West Bengal 3-2 (Umesh Kumar lost to Punit Biswas 6-11, 6-11, 8-11, P.B Abhinand bt Rupam Sardar 16-14, 11-9, 8-11, 7-11, 11-8, Umesh / Abhinand lost to Punit / Rupam 11-5, 4-11, 3-11, 11-9, 18-20, P.B Abhinand bt Punit Biswas 11-6, 11-6, 11-3, Umesh Kumar bt Rupam Sardar 8-11, 11-5, 6-11, 11-6, 11-7).
Quarterfinals: Assam bt PSPBA 3-0; Maharashtra bt Chandigiarh 3-0; West Bengal bt Telangana 3-1; Tamil Nadu bt Delhi 3-0.

Kenaf may repeat in the feature event

HYDERABAD: Trainer L.D'Silva's filly Kenaf, who won impressively in her last start, may repeat her performance in the N. Nari Reddy Memorial Million, the main attraction of Sunday's (Feb. 26) races.

1 OLYMPIC FLAME PLATE (1,400m), 4-y-o and upward, rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III) – 12.50 p.m.: 1. Star Medal (6) R.S. Jodha 60, 2. Golden Inzio (1) Kiran Naidu 59.5, 3. Coming Home (2) D.S. Deora 58 4. Mireya (8) B. Nikhil 58, 5. London Bell (7) Nakhat Singh 54.5, 6. Muaser (5) P. Ajeeth Kumar 54.5, 7. Pedro Planet (4) Rafique Sk. 54.5 and 8. Shubhrak (3) Afroz Khan 53.5.
1. COMING HOME, 2. MUASER, 3. MIREYA

2 TIME AND PLACE (DIV. II) (1,200m), (Terms) Maiden, 3-y-o only – 1.25: 1. Caraxes (6) P. Ajeeth Kumar 56, 2. Final Judgement (3) Akshay Kumar 56, 3. Happy Soul (1) Gaurav Singh 56, 4. Splendour On Grass (8) P. Sai Kumar 56, 5. Fly Me (2) Md. Ismail 54.5, 6. Kief (4) D.S. Deora 54.5, 7. Magic Princess (5) Hindu Singh 54.5, 8. Pontefract (7) B. Nikhil 54.5 and 9. Subha (9) Afroz Khan 54.5.
1. SPLENDOUR ON GRASS, 2. FINAL JUDGEMENT, 3. HAPPY SOUL

3 FLIRTING VISION PLATE (2,400m), rated 20 to 45 (Cat. III) – 2.00: 1. Alpine Girl (6) Mohit Singh 60, 2. Sucker Punch (2) Afroz Khan 56.5, 3. Divine Destiny (3) Ashad Asbar 55, 4. Forever Bond (4) Kuldeep S 54.5, 5. Protocol (7) Md. Ismail 54, 6. Voice Of Dream (1) P. Ajeeth Kumar 53 and 7. My Grandeur (5) P. Sai Kumar 51.5.
1. FOREVER BOND, 2. SUCKER PUNCH, 3. DIVINE DESTINY

4 TIME AND PLACE PLATE (DIV. I) (1,200m), (Terms) Maiden, 3-y-o only – 2.35: 1. Adbhut (9) Afroz Khan 56, 2. Colt Pistol (8) G. Naresh 56, 3. Great Giver (3) Gaurav Singh 56, 4. MN's Council (4) P. Sai Kumar 56, 5. Barchetta (10) B. Nikhil 54.5, 6. Galore (5) Nakhat Singh 54.5, 7. Knotty Luzi (2) Ashad Asbar 54.5, 8. Lady Racines (1) Mohit Singh 54.5, 9. N R I Fairy (7) Hindu Singh 54.5 and 10. Sangreal (6) Akshay Kumar 54.5.
1. SANGREAL, 2. ADBHUT, 3. GREAT GIVER

5 MCEME ROLLING TROPHY (1,200m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II) – 3.10: 1. Beauty Blaze (14) Akshay Kumar 60, 2. Above The Law (7) Md. Ismail 58.5, 3. Beauty On Parade (11) D.S. Deora 58.5, 4. Exotic Dancer (13) G. Naresh 58.5, 5. Angel Tesoro (3) Gaurav Singh 55, 6. Avancia (4) Mohit Singh 55, 7. Garnet (8) Kiran Naidu 55, 8. Sally (5) Koushik 55, 9. Beauty Flame (2) Santosh Raj 54.5, 10. The Thunder (1) Ashad Asbar 54, 11. Crimson Rose (9) Abhay Singh 53, 12. Bellaque (6) P. Sai Kumar 52.5, 13. Dyanoosh (10) B. Nikhil 52.5 and 14. Malibu (12) Rafique Sk. 51.5.
1. BEAUTY BLAZE, 2. THE THUNDER, 3. AVANCIA

6 N NARI REDDY MEMORIAL MILLION (1,200m) (Terms), 3-y-o only – 3.40: 1. Siddharth (2) Ashad Asbar 56, 2. Kenaf (4) Afroz Khan 54.5, 3. Reigning Beauty (1) B. Nikhil 54.5, 4. Bash On Regardless (5) P. Ajeeth Kumar 51.5 and 5. Clare (3) P. Sai Kumar 51.5.
1. KENAF, 2. SIDDHARTH

7 CHIEF JUSTICE (DIV. I) (1,600m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II) – 4.15: 1. True Icon (7) Shivansh 60, 2. Nugget (6) Akshay Kumar 57.5, 3. Winning Streak (5) Md. Ekram Alam 56, 4. Fly Tothe Stars (8) Ashad Asbar 53.5, 5. Painted Apache (2) P. Ajeeth Kumar 53.5, 6. Grand Duke (4) R.S. Jodha 51.5, 7. Just Incredible (3) P. Sai Kumar 51.5 and 8. Superstellar (1) Hindu Singh 51.5.
1. NUGGET, 2. WINNING STREAK, 3. SUPERSTELLAR

8 CHIEF JUSTICE TROPHY (DIV. II) (1,600m), rated 40 to 65 (Cat. II) – 4.45: 1. Nightmare (1) Hindu Singh 60, 2. Candy Girl (5) Md. Ekram Alam 59, 3. Campania (2) Kuldeep S 57, 4. Juramento (3) Akshay Kumar 56, 5. Path Of Peace (8) Gaurav Singh 56, 6. Wallop And Gallop (4) P. Ajeeth Kumar 55, 7. Pinatubo (7) Rafique Sk. 54 and 8. Only My Way (6) Afroz Khan 53.5.
1. JURAMENTO, 2. WALLOP AND GALLOP, 3. CANDY GIRL

Day's Best: **NUGGET**

Jackpot: 4, 5, 6, 7 & 8; Mini Jackpot: (i) 2, 3, 4 & 5. (ii) 5, 6, 7 & 8; Treble: (i) 1, 2 & 3. (ii) 3, 4 & 5. (iii) 6, 7 & 8; Tanala: All races.

Sriram Balaji and Jeevan lose semifinals

INDIANS ABROAD

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Sriram Balaji and Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan were beaten by the top seeds Santiago Gonzalez and Edouard Roger-Vasselin 4-6, 7-5, [10-7] in the doubles semifinals of the €784,830 ATP tennis tournament in Marseille, France, on Saturday.

They collected 90 ATP points and €11,730.

The results: €784,830 ATP, Marseille: Semifinals: Santiago Gonzalez (Mex) & Edouard Roger-Vasselin (Fra) bt Sriram Balaji & Jeevan Nedunchezhiyan 4-6, 7-5, [10-7].
$40,000 ITF women, Macon, France: Final: Magali Kempen (Bel) & Xenia Knoll (Sui) bt Darya Astakhova & Prarthana Thombare 6-3, 6-4; **Semifinals:** Darya & Prarthana bt Emily Appleton (GBR) & Jessy Rompies (Ina) 6-3, 3-6, [12-10]; Quarterfinals: Darya & Prarthana bt Jenny Duerst (Sui) & Yuki Naito (Jpn) 7-5, 6-4.
$15,000 ITF women, Monastir: Second round: Naho Sato (Jpn) bt Tanisha Kashyap 6-2, 6-1.
Doubles: Quarterfinals: Fernanda Labrana (Chi) & Elena Milovanovic (Srb) bt Nina Vargova (Svk) & Tanisha Kashyap 6-7(2), 6-2, [11-9].

It's Maharashtra vs. M.P. for the title

HOCKEY

Sports Bureau

Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh will clash in the final of the 13th Hockey India senior women's National championship in Kakinanda on Sunday.

In the semifinals on Saturday, Maharashtra edged out a fighting Haryana 2-1 in penalty shoot-out after the teams were locked 1-1 at full time.

Meanwhile Madhya Pradesh scored a 2-0 win over Jharkhand with Karishma Singh and Diskha Tiwari getting a goal apiece.

The results (semifinals):
Maharashtra bt Haryana 2-1 in shoot-out.
Madhya Pradesh 2 (Karishma Singh, Disksha Tiwari) bt Jharkhand 0.

KARNATAKA ROUND-UP

Kruthik Krishna to lead

BENGALURU: Kruthik Krishna will lead the Karnataka team in the men's under-23 invitational tournament which will be held at Hubballi and Belagavi.

The squad:

Kruthik Krishna (Captain), Aashish Mahesh, Aaditya Nair, Aneeshwar Gautam, Bheem Rao, L.R. Chethan, Dhanush Gowda, L.R. Kumar, Mohsin Khan, S. Nitin, Paras Arya, Prakhar Chaturvedi, R. Smaran, Vishal Onat, and Yashovardhan Parantap.

Coach: P.V. Shashikanth.

Fielding Coach: Rohit Sabharwal.

ASC posts win

ASC edges out Gokulam Kerala FC 3-2 in the KSFA Stafford Challenge Cup football tournament on Saturday.

The results:

ASC 3 (Shakti Gurung 15, Ajendra Singh 35, E. Alwin 82) bt Gokulam Kerala FC 2 (Samuel Mansah 14, 24); MEG 2 (Shaik Muzeeb 35, 60) bt FC Deccan 1 (S. Sachidananda 42); FC Bengaluru United 4 (Selwyn Frazer 6, Irfan Yadwad 33, Subha Ghosh 89, Aenam Graffenberg 90) bt Dempo SC 0.

Blue Spikers shock Heroes, taste their first win

PVL

Stan Rayan
KOCHI

Kochi Blue Spikers tasted its first victory in the RuPay Prime Volleyball League this season and it came with a shocking 3-2 victory over Calicut Heroes at the Rajiv Gandhi indoor stadium here on Saturday.

Not many expected Calicut to lose the Southern derby, not after its international Jerome Vinith's sparkling show.

Jerome kept troubling the rival blockers with his diagonal smashes all through the match.

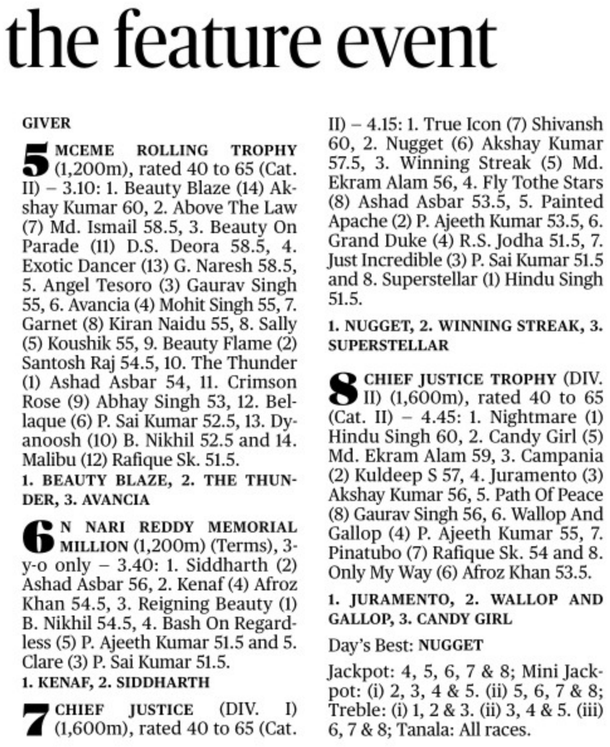
Trying everything

Kochi tried everything to stop him, it erected a hard attacking block and when it failed, it put up a soft block but with the back court not offering much support, Jerome had a whale of a time. On the other side of the net, Shubham Chaudhary and Erin Varghese stood out for Kochi..

But the match turned sharply in the decider where the scores were level early but where Calicut also held a 10-7 lead at one point.

But a little later, Brazilin's Walter's smash came with a super point and took the home side to 13-11. Kochi hung on to it to win the match.

Calicut is now on the third spot in the eight-team table with eight points while Kochi moved up a rung to the seventh with two points.



Full of action: Shafeeque Rahman of Calicut Heroes smashes one in the match against Kochi Blue Spikers. H. VIBHU

The result: Kochi Blue Spikers bt Calicut Heroes 3-2 (15-13, 14-15, 12-15, 15-7, 15-11).